

IRA squad guilty of bombs plot

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A five-man Provisional IRA unit, including Patrick Magee, the Brighton bomber, was convicted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of planning a bombing campaign last summer on ports, resorts and targets in London, which could have led to bloodshed, havoc and evacuations.

As the last of the defendants was found guilty, he fought with prison officers and the public gallery erupted with shouts in Gaelic and English. One of the biggest and most important IRA trials since the start of the Ulster troubles ended with cries of "Our day will come" and "Ireland will be Ireland when England is destroyed" hurled at the emptying court.

After the jury had returned its verdicts the judge said that he would sentence the defendants at a later date.

During the trial of nearly six weeks the court was told that bombs were to be planted at 16 targets, of which 12 were resorts or ports. The first bomb with a delayed timer had been placed in a London hotel overlooking the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace when police in Glasgow arrested Magee and others.

A bomb calendar showed plans for a bomb in Brighton on the day the Queen was visiting, another was due to detonate in Great Yarmouth the day after her visit there and the last bomb was timed to explode in Southampton during Cowes Week.

The plot was described as outrageous by Crown counsel and Mr Justice Byrneham, in his summing up, said that the results would have been more frightening than the Brighton bomb at the Grand.

The trial covered both the

Brighton bombing, for which Magee alone was charged, and the conspiracy last year to plant 16 bombs.

On Tuesday, Magee, aged 35, was found guilty of seven charges arising from the bombing of the Grand Hotel, Brighton, during the Conservative Party's annual conference in 1984.

At the beginning of the trial two other men pleaded guilty. One man, Donald Craig, aged 28, pleaded guilty to being part of the conspiracy, and Shaun McShane, aged 32, pleaded guilty to aiding, abetting, and procuring for four of the convicted defendants.

Yesterday the jury of six men and six women found Magee guilty of the conspiracy with Gerard McDonnell, aged 34; Peter Sherry, aged 30;

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Martina Anderson, aged 24, and Ella O'Dwyer, aged 27. They returned verdicts on Magee, McDonnell, O'Dwyer and Anderson and then were allowed to return a majority verdict of 10 to 2 on Sherry.

When the first four were convicted they left the court with little emotion, apart from smiles and waves to the gallery above where several relatives were wearing T-shirts with the words "Our day will come" in Gaelic.

When Sherry heard his verdict he started to leave the

court and shouted "the British are responsible..." but was cut short as prison officers began to struggle with him. It was at this point that the calls began from the gallery as Sherry disappeared down the stairs to the cells with three officers holding on to him.

Earlier the judge had told the jury he did not intend to deal with the defendants for a few days because he had other matters to deal with in the case. The verdicts came after more than 12 hours of deliberation on the 25th day of the trial.

The case put to the court was that after the Brighton bombing in which five people were killed and 34 injured, Magee planted a bomb at the Rubens Hotel last year. Other bombs were destined for hotels and beaches on tides lasting 24 or 48 days, placed by two squads within the unit.

The cache found near a flat in Glasgow last June when police went to arrest Magee was "one of the most significant and deadly collections of terrorist material ever discovered", the court was told.

Last night, Det Chief Supt Jack Reece, head of Sussex CID, said that he suspected that a man, and possibly a woman had been at the Grand Hotel with Magee during the weekend he planted the bomb. Mr Reece said inquiries would continue and "sometime in the future it is possible we will interview another suspect".

Mr Roger Birch, chief constable of Sussex, said that since the Brighton bombing "the whole scenario of security has changed and can never be the same again."



Summer snow in the Cairngorms yesterday brought back temporarily the unseasonal sport of tobogganing and the usual batch of traffic problems. Highlands wrap up, page 20.

Minister's daughter found dead

By Craig Seton

Five Oxford University students were arrested yesterday and were being questioned last night by detectives conducting a "criminal investigation" into the death of Olivia Channon, aged 22, daughter of Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Industry. She was found dead after a late-night party in the city.

A senior Oxford police officer said last night: "It is not a murder inquiry - not at this stage". Miss Channon, a student at St Hilary's College in Oxford, was found slumped dead in bed in an undergraduate's study at Christ Church in the city after attending a late-night party to celebrate the end of final modern history examinations.

Drug Squad officers were called into the inquiry to investigate reports that hard drugs may have been taken at the party, but last night officers said there was no evidence at this stage to suggest that Miss Channon had died as a result of drugs.

Insp Tony Collins of Oxford police declined to say if all five being questioned were students who had attended the late-night celebrations which went on into the early hours yesterday.

Mr Channon, aged 50, was in London when he was told of his daughter's death and he immediately travelled to Oxford. A post-mortem examination yesterday proved inconclusive and further tests were being conducted to determine the cause of Miss Channon's death, but initial indications suggested that she could have choked on her own vomit.

Mr Peter Winship, an Assistant Chief Constable (Operations) of Thames Valley Police, said last night: "The body of a young woman was found in student accommodation".

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Miss Olivia Channon: found dead in college study.

Alliance pledge to heal Polaris rift

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel agreed last night that the serious differences between their parties over Britain's independent nuclear deterrent would have to be settled before the next general election to avoid what the Liberal leader called a rupture in the Alliance.

Speaking after the publication of the long-awaited report of the Alliance's Joint Commission on Defence, which after a two-year study left open the question of whether Polaris should be replaced, both leaders agreed to continue the search for agreement.

But despite the wide measure of consensus achieved between the parties on other main defence issues, including the cancellation of Trident, cruise missiles and American bases in Britain there was no obvious sign last night of how the gap on Polaris can be bridged either between the two parties or within the SDP leadership.

Dr Owen, the SDP leader, made clear at a Westminster press conference with Mr Steel, leader of the Liberals, that he has no intention of moving from SDP policy which says that the party will not abandon Britain's existing nuclear capability.

He said of the commission report: "It leaves a number of questions unanswered and a number of issues unresolved. I think they will have to be resolved before the next election."

"I think it is necessary to say you wish to keep your existing nuclear capability, unless there has been some dramatic unprecedented change in the arms control climate at the time of the election," he said.

Mr Steel agrees with the

commission's formula that a decision on "whether, and if so how" to replace Polaris should be delayed. He emphasized that it would be wrong to take up "cast-iron attitudes" now. But when he was asked whether he could go into the next election saying he would cancel Trident without saying what he would put in its place Mr Steel replied: "No. That is not my position. I believe that when the next election comes we have to have specific answers to these questions. The election is not yet on us."

Earlier, at the launch of the commission report Mr John Cartwright, the SDP defence spokesman, said that on Polaris there was ground to be

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bridged. "I hope we are not going to leave it here," he said. "I do not believe you can go into an election with the situation as it stands at the moment."

Both leaders are resigned to the issue dominating their party conferences in the autumn. One of the next steps is likely to be the establishment of a study to look into the technical options for replacing Polaris, without prejudging any decision over "whether" it should be replaced.

Mr Steel, who will face demands from party activists at the party council meeting in Wigan this weekend, hinted last night, however, that the decision on what goes into the Alliance election manifesto on Polaris might be decided between him and Dr Owen. He said that he and Dr Owen might have access to confidential information available to them on privy council terms which their colleagues would not have.

Three die, 11 missing after hydrofoil fire

Rome (Reuters) - Three people were killed and 11 others were missing after a hydrofoil ferry travelling between Sicily and Vulcano Island caught fire yesterday.

A spokesman from the Civil Protection Ministry said 49 of the 63 people on board had been rescued by helicopters and small boats from the north Sicilian port of Milazzo. The 11 who were missing had jumped overboard.

Hu confident on future of links with UK

By Rodney Cowton

Mr Hu Yaobang, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, last night clasped his hands above his head and said there were "bright prospects" for relations between Britain and China.

Mr Hu constantly gesticulated and broke into smiles as he spoke of the "sincere and friendly" talks he had had with Mrs Thatcher during his four-day visit, which ended yesterday.

After lunching with the Queen, he promised her a "warm and ceremonious" welcome when she visits China in October and said he had invited the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, to visit again.

Another member of Mr Hu's delegation, Mr Zhou Nan, Vice-Foreign Minister, expressed satisfaction with the way last year's Sino-British joint declaration on Hong Kong was being implemented.

The Chinese Government was determined to implement the agreement to the letter, and it was his conviction that the British Government shared that intention, Mr Zhou said. Mr Hu, aged 77, said he would start to reduce his responsibilities for major state affairs next year.

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Cousins, big man of the unions, dies

By Patricia Clough

Mr Frank Cousins, for 17 years leader of the Transport and General Workers' Union and one of the most powerful men in Britain, died yesterday of a heart attack aged 81.

A big man and dramatic speaker, he dominated the labour scene from his election in 1956. His membership of 1,300,000, spread across a vast range of trades, constituted one-eighth of the trade union movement, and one seventh of the Labour Party votes. Using this strength he fought wage restraint, played a leading part in the labour disputes of the 1950s and 1960s and

resisted attempts to penalize strikers. He firmly believed, however, in strike action only as a last resort and is credited with doing much to maintain industrial peace.

He shifted the union firmly to the left of the union spectrum, leading the Labour left-wing's battles to achieve unilateral disarmament and to retain clause 4 of the party constitution on common ownership, and in 1966 he resigned over the wage freeze and returned to the union.

He became a familiar public figure, commenting on the nation's affairs on television, in the press and in public

speeches. Deeply devoted to his union and to his form of socialism, he was also a difficult man to deal with and frequently upset even fellow unionists with his aggressiveness and unpredictability.

Possibly to remove this obstreperous figure from the union scene, Mr Harold Wilson made him Minister of Technology in 1964. But he did not care for government or membership of the House of Commons and in 1966 he resigned over the wage freeze and returned to the union.

Frank Cousins had the classic working-class background of a trade union leader of his day. Born the eldest son in a

East seeks 1m European troops cutback

From Roger Boyes, Budapest

The Warsaw Pact yesterday proposed a major package of arms cuts which could lead to the demobilisation of 1 million soldiers from East and West, the scrapping of weaponry, and sharp reductions in tactical aircraft.

It also suggested that the whole of Europe - not only Nato and the Warsaw Pact - could establish a special forum to discuss the cuts.

The offer was made in an appeal to Nato and the West issued after the end of a two-day Warsaw Pact summit in Budapest.

The initiative is essentially a Soviet one and was outlined to Moscow's allies on Tuesday by the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev.

The proposal is that both alliances first cut their troops by 100,000 to 150,000 over the next two years. Tactical aircraft could be included in this phase.

Following this, the land and tactical air forces in East and West should be reduced by 25 per cent by the early 1990s.

That would mean the reduction of more than 500,000 troops on either side; the withdrawal, in other words, of 1 million troops from Europe. Other European countries could join in this process.

"Simultaneously with conventional armament," says the appeal, rather vaguely, "practical nuclear weapons with a range of up to 1,000 kilometres should also be reduced."

To supervise the troop cuts, the Warsaw Pact is suggesting an international consultative committee formed with Nato and Warsaw Pact representatives as well as delegates from neutral and non-aligned Europe. Data on troop strengths both in the area of the cuts and in the remaining units could be exchanged in the frame-

work of this committee. Committee members would also be allowed to make on-site inspections in East and West. "For purposes of such supervision, control posts, composed of representatives of the international consultative committee, would be set up at major railway centres, airports and harbours," said the appeal.

The arms proposals could be discussed in three different ways, say the Warsaw Pact leaders. First, in Stockholm at the current European talks on confidence and security building measures. Second, a special forum with the participation of all the European states plus the United States and Canada could be established.

Or, finally, the Vienna force reduction talks could be expanded to include other European states who do not belong to the two military alliances.

At present the Vienna talks deal only with the seven countries on the East-West divide. The Warsaw Pact package will probably stumble against some scepticism in the West. In the first place the West regards the Soviet Union as having a large preponderance of conventional troops in Europe. To reduce troops equally from East and West would merely perpetuate the East's advantage at a lower level.

This was one of the fundamental problems of the talks on force reductions in Vienna, which have bogged down in discussions on exactly how many troops the Soviet bloc has and how, reliably, to

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'Complacency' at tin market crisis

The Government has been "unduly complacent" about the collapse of tin prices and the consequences for Cornwall and has failed to provide adequate information to Parliament, an all-party Commons committee says in a report to be published today.

The Trade and Industry Select Committee urges the Government to give financial help to Cornish tin mines threatened with closure.

It describes as "inadequate" given the scale of the problem "the £1 million the Government has offered to the Penzance and St Ives area after the closure of the Gevor tin mine last week."

Commenting on the Government's response to an earlier committee report, the

committee says: "The Government has failed to deal with our contention that the cost of immediate aid for the Cornish mines would be less than the cost of unemployment and social security benefits, which will have to be paid for many years if the tin industry in Cornwall collapses."

Tin prices fell sharply earlier this year when the International Tin Council, a price support organisation of which Britain is a member, ran out of money, leaving gross debts of £900 million, some of which is owed by Britain.

The Government's reply to the committee's earlier report reveals that the Bank of England warned the City about the state of the ITC's finances.

Tomorrow Advancing by stealth

Secrets of America's 'stealth' aircraft, the plastic planes invisible to radar

Portfolio

The £4,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was shared yesterday by three readers - Mrs Angela Fraser, of Chipstead, Surrey; Mr Miles Vavra, of London NW5; and Mrs G. Burhouse, of Dunstable, Beds. There is another £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list, page 26; rules and how to play, information service, page 20.

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The informers

The skills of handling information should be a part of any management training course. Fiona J. Hamilton, an information consultant, in an introduction to today's six-page General Appointments section

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Rolls-Royce confident of winning £700m engine order from BA

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Sir Francis Tombs, chairman of Rolls-Royce, said yesterday that he expected to win the vital £700 million order for aircraft engines from British Airways.

He dismissed speculation that British Airways preferred the US-built General Electric engines or that the Government would be forced to intervene to stop the order going overseas.

But he gave a warning that loss of the contract would affect the privatization of Rolls-Royce, planned for the first half of next year.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has refused to intervene in British Airways' decision on which engines should power its new Boeing jumbo jets. The Prime Minister would undoubtedly face the same hostility from her backbenchers if the order went to the United States as over the sale of Land Rover. But she has declared her wish that Rolls-Royce should win "on merit".

Sir Francis told the Com-

mons' Trade and Industry Select Committee: "I think the loss of the British Airways order to an offshore company would be a very serious matter - not just because of the value of the order. But I do not regard it as a likely outcome."

He said British Airways aircraft had been powered by Rolls-Royce engines for some time and the company had been "very loyal customers".

Questioned by Mr Robert McCrindle, Conservative MP for Brentwood and Ongar, about reports that British Airways favoured the General Electric engine, he replied: "I do not think that is being suggested with any authority. BA invited bids like any other company. Our bid and others have only just gone in. Discussions have not begun. I do not really think any speculation is well-founded."

"I cannot see that BA is anywhere near reaching a decision," he said.

Mr Ralph Robins, the company's managing director,

added: "We start off with a machine which is entirely competitive with that of General Electric and Pratt and Whitney."

Sir Francis also told MPs that the price of Rolls-Royce shares should not be affected by the loss of one order.

"But the City does respond to success and failure. It is an emotional sort of market."

Sir Francis refused to be drawn into say how government intervention to force British Airways to give him the order would affect privatization plans.

Making clear his enthusiasm for taking Rolls-Royce into the private sector, Sir Francis said he believed the Government would retain a golden share, giving it special veto powers, because of the defence implications.

There was no intention of a cash injection by the Government before privatization, but he would expect to raise some extra money, he added.

Delay as miners win back £8m in assets

The National Union of Mineworkers was yesterday given back control of its £8 million funds seized by the High Court during the pit strike. But, because of a pending NUM appeal over part of the ruling, the return of assets will not be immediate.

Mr Justice Mervyn-Davies said that he was satisfied that in the wake of the appointment of new trustees the union's property would be in safe hands, and the time had come to discharge the court-appointed receiver, Mr Michael Arnold.

However, he refused an application by the union that the trustees should be allowed to take control of a breach of trust action being brought by Mr Arnold on their behalf against miners' leaders and banks.

He said the action to make certain banks, the miners' president, Mr Arthur Scargill, vice-president, Mr Mick McGahey, and general secretary, Mr Peter Heathfield, personally responsible for more than £100,000 losses arising from attempts to put assets out of reach of the court by moving them abroad "will be best handled by the receiver". It was in the union's best interests to recover "the greatest amounts possible".

The order to discharge Mr Arnold, who was appointed in November 1984, will not come into effect until a formal order has been drawn up and approved by the judge. In the meantime, the NUM is planning an appeal over the trustee action to try to remove Mr Arnold completely.

The judge also granted an application by the Nottinghamshire area of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers that the receiver should pay £36,317 to cover costs and money it claims is owed by the NUM in a dispute over members' subscriptions.



Royal bride-to-be Miss Sarah Ferguson was yesterday presented with a posy of red, white and blue flowers shaped in the emblem of the RAF. She was on her second official engagement with Prince Andrew, at the opening of the Imperial War Museum's £2 million "superhangar" for wartime aircraft at Duxford in Cambridgeshire. It houses the best of the museum's aircraft collection. Later, she accompanied Prince Andrew on their first walkabout as an engaged couple, smiling a "thank you" to shouts from the crowd of "Good luck on the day". As they toured the museum, Miss Ferguson came face-to-face with the risqué artwork on a Second World War American aircraft, giggled and then joined the Prince, who was studying another aircraft. The couple's visit ended with a demonstration of flying by a Spitfire, a B17 Flying Fortress, and a US Marine Corps Corsair. (Photograph: Julian Elbert.)

Cabinet expected to seal fate of Ulster assembly

By Richard Ford

The Cabinet is likely to agree today to the dissolution of the Northern Ireland Assembly, ending the latest in a series of ill-fated attempts to bring about devolution in the province.

The formal announcement of the assembly's lingering death indicates that ministers see little prospect of reaching agreement on a locally-based administration, in the near future.

Ministers and officials are prepared for a lengthy period of direct rule, in spite of hopes that, in the wake of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, Unionists would be encouraged to minimize its operation by negotiating, with nationalists, a form of devolution based at Stormont.

Although Cabinet ministers have been concerned at depriving Unionists of a platform from which to oppose the agreement, officials are not prepared to hold elections, due in October when its four-year term ends, when there is no prospect of agreement on devolution.

Without agreement on a form of local administration, elections for a second term would be no more than a referendum on the deal which gives Dublin a consultative role in the North.

Costing £2.7 million a year to run, the 78-seat assembly was part of Mr James Prior's "rolling devolution" scheme, which aimed to return powers gradually to local politicians.

It came after a series of failed initiatives by various British governments since 1972 when Mr Edward Heath suspended the Stormont parliament set up at the time of partition.

Under Mr Prior's plan, dubbed by one senior Civil Servant as a "long road leading nowhere", the assembly scrutinized government legislation and set up six committees to monitor government departments.

It could opt for partial devolution if there was 70 per cent support from members or cross-community backing for devolution, but his idea was strangled at birth when the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party refused to take its seats, confining the

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Corrections

Our report yesterday on the potential dangers to children from aspirin products stated wrongly that "parents should also avoid giving infants diluted versions of night-time drinks such as Lemsip".

In fact Lemsip and Junior Lemsip do not contain any aspirin. They contain paracetamol, which the DHSS recommends. We apologize for the error to Reckitt and Colman, which markets these products.

Mr P.S. Khabra, president of the Indian Workers' Association, used the word "extremist" not "thuggish" to describe elements of the All India Sikh Students Federation (*The Times*, April 3).

Targets for new jails in doubt

The failure of the Home Office to build prisons of the type most urgently needed and in the right place has put in doubt its target of ending jail overcrowding by 1990, the Commons Committee of Public Accounts says.

"We are dismayed that even when the Home Office's objective of matching total places and prison population is achieved, there will still be overcrowding in some prisons," the all-party group of MPs says in its report.

The MPs also criticized the

court building programme saying that "the measures taken by the Lord Chancellor's Department in increasing the number of judges and courtrooms, have so far produced no more than a marginal improvement".

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Kinnock 'cannot help' on Wapping

By Peter Davenport

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said yesterday there was no new initiative he could take to help to find a solution to the News International dispute over Wapping.

Although he thought it possible there could be discussions with the trade unions, he believed the ball was now in the management's court.

Mr Kinnock was speaking in Scarborough as he arrived to address the conference of Sogat '82, whose members form the majority of the 5,500 dismissed News International strikers.

He was asked if he had any moves to make towards resolving the long dispute, and replied: "No, I do not think that new initiatives lie in my hands. But I think it is possible there could be some discussion with the trade unions."

In his address to the conference, which received a standing ovation, Mr Kinnock expressed concern about the current and potential power of press and broadcasting ownership. It was time, he said, to think seriously about a new law requiring media owners to be British citizens.

Mr Kinnock also warned the management of News International not to underestimate the determination of the dismissed printing workers to continue their strike.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative Party Chairman,

Attempt to beat mass trespass

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A new limited offence of mass trespass and reforms to civil procedures are being considered by the Home Office and Lord Chancellor's Department to enable police to tackle mass incursions on to private land in the wake of the dispersal of the "hippie convoy".

The Government is not prepared to make simple trespass a criminal offence because of the dangers of catching innocent wanderers on to private property. But an offence applying only to large groups is expected to be incorporated in the Public Order Bill.

A key element of the offence is likely to be the motive; that is, that trespassers intend to stay on the land rather than pass through it.

Judges are being consulted on two reforms to civil procedure: first, a speeding up of orders to repossess land, which can at present take five days.

Second, simplifying the procedure by which a court direction must be obtained to avoid serving defendants personally with summonses, where they are known by name. Instead, officials suggest that landowners in such cases would automatically be allowed to nail the summonses on fence posts.

Mines to stay in Falklands

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Four years after the fighting in the Falkland Islands, the Ministry of Defence has for the time being abandoned its efforts to find a means of safely clearing the minefields laid during the conflict.

There are estimated to be about 13,500 mines in the Falklands, but the ministry's efforts have been concentrated on trying to find a means of detecting the 10 per cent or so of them which are almost entirely made of plastic and, therefore, undetectable by traditional means.

Until those mines are detectable the minefields cannot be safely cleared.

Last year hopes were raised that a system of transmitting a radar post into the ground would produce a reliable method.

But Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, in a written answer yesterday told the Commons that "despite considerable progress there would still be a long way to go in terms of time and money before a practical solution could be placed in the Army's hands which would be sufficiently reliable and suitable for use in peacetime. Funding of the present research programme will therefore cease."

The decision is a result of pressure on the defence budget, and the project does not have a sufficiently high military priority to command funds.

It is thought that about £6 million to £7 million has been spent so far in the search for a solution.

Although the pulsed radar remains an encouraging possibility, the estimated costs of developing it are understood to have risen substantially so that it is thought it might cost another £20 million fully to develop it and produce enough equipment, spares and other back-up so that the minefields could be cleared in a 10-year programme.

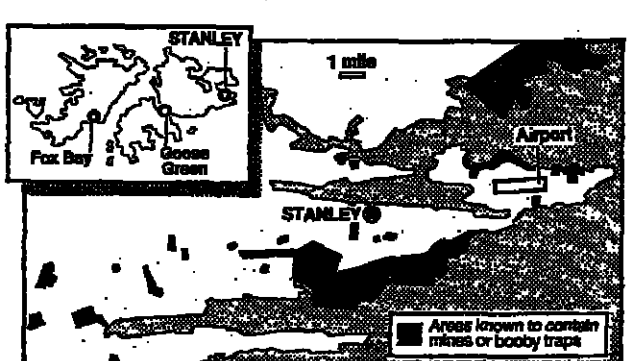
Mine clearance was carried out for several months in 1982 and 1983, and about 1,500 mines are thought to have been removed. But five soldiers were injured, and it was announced in August 1983 that clearance operations would be suspended until a completely safe and reliable means of detecting plastic mines had been found.

A large number of possible solutions to the minefields was put forward, many by members of the public. About 20 of those were selected for further study, and the use of pulsed radar emerged as the most encouraging possibility.

Among the other methods of detection explored have been the use of dogs, and the identification of anomalies caused by mines in the Earth's magnetic field.

At one stage it was thought the minefields could be destroyed by burning peat in which most of them lie, thus causing the mines to explode. Unfortunately some mines exploded quicker than others, and the explosions stirred unexploded mines around the area of operations.

Academics at the Brunel Ares Strategic Studies Institute are about to begin work with the War Studies Department of King's College, London, on a joint study of the Falklands conflict.



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British courts may be allowed to hear cases bound for Strasbourg

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Allegations against the British Government of unfair treatment may soon be heard by British courts instead of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

A Bill has been tabled in the Commons to incorporate the European Convention of Human Rights into United Kingdom law. That would mean most complaints could be dealt with by British judges, saving time and money.

Many Conservative MPs have been increasingly irritated at the Strasbourg court's right to order changes in British law.

The UK Government has faced more adverse rulings from Strasbourg than any other country because most other countries have already incorporated the convention in their domestic legislation.

The rulings have obliged the Government to try to change the law on such issues as sex discrimination, telephone tapping and caving.

Lord Scarman, the distinguished Law Lord, brought in the Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms Bill with the support of Lord Broborough, who as Mr Derek Walker-Smith was a Conservative Minister. It has now successfully passed through all its stages in the House of Lords.

Sir Edward Gardner, Conservative MP for Fylde and chairman of the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, has tabled the Bill in the Commons with the support of four Opposition MPs. It is also backed by Sir Geoffrey Rippon, formerly leader of the

Conservative group in the European Parliament and an ex-Cabinet Minister.

Sir Edward said those taking their cases to Strasbourg experienced excessive delays and heavy costs. It was more than 30 years since Britain had ratified the convention and it was time to incorporate it into domestic law.

"The present position of having to rely on the Strasbourg court is quite intolerable in the view of many of us", he added.

Although some government ministers are in favour of the move, Mrs Margaret Thatcher is believed to be against it because of the constitutional implications. But pressure is increasing on the Government to support incorporation with many Labour MPs now backing the move.



The Company of Pikemen and Musketeers beating retreat at the display on Horse Guards Parade yesterday by the massed bands of the Royal Regiment of Artillery (Photograph: John Voos).

Schools told Aids pupils 'are no risk'

By Colin Hughes

The Government yesterday issued advice to all schools that there is "no apparent" risk of children with Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) transmitting the disease to fellow pupils.

Infected children "should be allowed to attend school freely and be treated in the same way as other pupils", a guidance document from the Department of Education and Science says.

The circular is designed to counter prejudice against Aids-infected children which the department blames on "inaccurate publicity" and follows cases in the United States and Australia in which children have been driven out of their home town or school.

For that reason the department also advises that the fact of a child being infected should be kept confidential. "The number of people, including teachers, who are aware that a child is infected should be restricted, and should be rigorously confined to those who need to know."

But staff and schools should now consider teaching pupils about Aids and its transmission, "bearing in mind that the publicity given to the disease is bound to have reached schoolchildren, and that this is an issue about which many parents will have strong feelings".

The report emphasizes that health education about Aids will be a "delicate and difficult task", needing "considerable care and sensitivity" to match the maturity of children's understanding.

"Schools should see it as part of their task, in the context of personal and social education, to consider with pupils some of the broader questions associated with the transmission of infection, including the health risks of promiscuous sexual behaviour, whether heterosexual or homosexual."

They should also learn about the risks to drug users and haemophiliacs.

Infected children can participate without risk in most lessons, but head teachers should be active in discouraging blood mingling, ear piercing and tattooing.

Children at School and Problems Related to Aids (DES and Welsh Office).

Scientist says boss lured her into room

Doctor Cathy Sinclair yesterday told how one of her bosses lured her into an Oxfordshire hotel room and tried to kiss her when she went to meet him to discuss a project.

The 37-year-old personnel adviser at Esso's chemical plant at Abingdon, Oxfordshire, is claiming the company breached the Sex Discrimination Act by conducting a campaign of harassment and intimidation against her.

On the third day of an industrial tribunal hearing at Reading, Berkshire, she said in a statement: "I went to his room to say I had arrived."

"I said I would like to, but as soon as I went in, the gentleman in question grabbed hold of me and proceeded to kiss me. I managed to extricate myself from the gentleman and get out of the room."

Dr Sinclair, of Higgs Close, East Hagbourne, Oxfordshire, said that they returned to her superior's hotel where "he again asked me to stay the night with him".

She made the allegations while cross-examining plant manager Mr Colin Titman, but he replied: "The gentleman denies such conversations happened."

Later Dr Sinclair's former boss, Mr Ron Owen, told the hearing: "I could believe that one or two managers had anti-feminine prejudices and had discriminated against her on the odd occasion."

But what I found very difficult to believe was that they were all collaborating together because she was a female."

Dr Sinclair, who is married, has also claimed how a tutor crept into her hotel room at 1am during a company training course and asked: "Can I sleep with you?"

Later Mr David Dunhill, the company's employee relations manager and Dr Sinclair's supervisor, told how he investigated her claims that a training course tutor crept into a hotel room and asked for sex.

He said: "I spoke to the individual and he denied the incident. He is not a company employee. He is a consultant. The company found it difficult to take any specific action as it was his word against hers."

The case continues.

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Computers tuned to conveyancing

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A boom in the buying of computer conveyancing systems by solicitors in the face of increased competition was reported at the annual Solicitors' and Legal Office Exhibition in London yesterday.

Mr Andrew Trew, a director of the Legal Technology Group which advises firms on computer systems, said that that has been the main surge in the profession in the past year.

Solicitors were also moving into computerized office management — systems to improve the efficiency of their offices — and there was some interest in electronic mail.

"What concerns solicitors at the moment is the efficient running of their practices. Overhead costs and staff costs are rising and they are trying very hard to become more cost-effective and starting to think like businessmen."

In spite of gradual acceptance of the computer, many solicitors, particularly senior partners, were still wary, he said. They were daunted by possible costs and often still preferred "to send out an articulated clerk to get the infor-

Sow more oats plea to farmers

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Farmers were yesterday urged to grow more oats, one of the few crops for which domestic demand exceeds supply.

Mr Bob Black, president of the British Oat and Barley Millers Association, said that it was an opportunity to grow what the market required.

Oats were Britain's dominant crop until the horse was replaced by the internal combustion engine. Last year production rose to 590,000 tonnes, but some 15,000 tonnes had to be imported.

That year acreage is officially estimated to be down by a quarter, and some crops were lost during the severe winter weather. The main extra demand is for high-quality oats for human consumption, which is attributable partly to the growing popularity of muesli.

Mr Black said that insufficient emphasis was placed on technology and computer law in the training of solicitors, which was a small part of the College of Law professional course.

Among the 90 exhibitors at the two-day conference which opened yesterday were companies selling computer systems not only for conveyancing and accounting but debt collection and time-recording.

For the first time the London Stock Exchange has a stand, with its new computer-ized Topic. There were also two firms of chartered accountants who are developing services for solicitors.

Hospital patients to get complaints system

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

A new procedure for hospital patients wishing to complain about their treatment was announced by the Government yesterday.

A consultation paper from the Department of Health and Social Security says no voice should be afraid to voice grumbles or, where something more serious has gone amiss, to lay a formal complaint.

It states: "It is essential that they should have the confidence that suggestions and complaints will be properly and fairly considered and investigated."

But it adds that doctors and nurses should not "continually need to be looking over their shoulders", wary of complaints.

The system proposes that every hospital should have a named member of staff in charge of receiving and investigating written complaints made by patients.

Shortfall in number of graduates feared

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

There will too few graduates to meet the needs of the nation's economy in the next few years, unless the Government changes its policy on higher education, London University's careers advisory board says in its annual report.

The number of graduates with first degrees from London University dropped by 3 per cent in 1985, compared with 1984, it says.

The Standing Conference of Employers of Graduates has estimated that until 1990, at least, Britain will need 3,000 more graduates each year than the universities can supply.

Within that shortfall there will be an even more serious shortage of graduates in engineering, technology and physics. Graduates are also showing declining interest in teaching careers, particularly in teaching mathematics and physics.

Press freedom on trial, columnist Taki says

Taki Theodoropoulos, a society columnist for *The Spectator*, claimed in the High Court yesterday that press freedom was being challenged in a libel case in which some of his writing had been called "vicious" and "obscene".

The columnist, who denies libelling Mrs Rosemarie Marcie-Riviere, a wealthy socialite, in his "High Life" column, told the court: "I do use strong language when I feel strongly about a subject. I think it's more freedom of the press that is being challenged here than anything."

He was answering a suggestion by Mr Justice Otton that he seemed to be "running away" from the accusation that his writing sometimes "spilled over into insult".

In cross-examination by Mr Richard Hartley, QC, he denied that he was malicious or vindictive.

The columnist agreed that he sometimes made "obscene, nasty and highly offensive references" to a person's appearance.

It is alleged that Mr Theodoropoulos wrote a "cruel and malicious article" about Mrs Marcie-Riviere after being thrown out of a lunch party at her Greek home in 1982.

The columnist, the publishers of *The Spectator* and his former editor, Mr Alexander Chancellor, deny libelling Mrs Marcie-Riviere. They plead justification and are counter-claiming damages over an interview given by Mrs Marcie-Riviere to another magazine.

Dame Anna Neagle buried

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Dame Anna Neagle, star of stage and screen for more than 60 years who died last week aged 81, was buried in the East End of London yesterday, near her birthplace and where she lived for 19 years.

Her funeral took place in the City of London Cemetery in Manor Park after a private service at the parish church near Dame Anna's home in St John's Wood, north London.

Search on for double rapist

A masked man armed with a 12 in knife who raped two women in a beauty parlour in Bradford, West Yorkshire, yesterday "the police are looking for a white man aged in his late teens or early 20s, about 5ft 5in, stockily built and clean shaven with blue eyes."

Harwell strike

About 1,400 workers at the top secret atomic energy research establishment at Harwell in Oxfordshire staged a 24-hour strike over pay yesterday after rejecting a 5.65 per cent pay offer.

Barclays' scheme for school fees

By Our Education Correspondent

A scheme to help parents to pay for their children's schooling from nursery school to university and beyond has been launched by Barclays Bank.

The combination of a loan and a savings scheme reflects the increasing difficulty which parents have in paying for independent schooling. Fees at the main public schools are in excess of £5,000 a year.

The only other loans scheme for independent schooling was launched recently by the Independent Schools Information Service which has already lent more than £9 million to 600 families. The average loan is £15,541.

The Barclays savings plan is based on with-profits endowment policies provided by Norwich Union Life Insurance Society. The endowment policy gives a tax-free cash sum after 10 years which can be reinvested.

The loan scheme offers a secured loan with a repayment period of 10 to 25 years. Barclays will lend up to 70 per cent of the value of the security offered, or 2.5 times salary, whichever is lower, subject to an initial limit of £50,000.

Interest on the loan will be 2.5 per cent above Barclays' base rate, which is currently 10 per cent. There will be an arrangement fee of £100.

Princess opens antiques fair

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Princess Margaret opened the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair yesterday, the British antiques trade's premier annual event, and was presented with a brooch by Gemma Norton, aged eight, representing St Phillips, the Bond Street jewellers and silver dealers. The brooch had been commissioned from Cartier's, the Norton's rivals, by the fair organizers.

On Tuesday evening Christie's South Kensington offered what are now known as "topographical pictures", views of the old European colonies and dominions. They produced a total of £627,892 with 20 per cent bought in.

The most expensive work was from Canada. "Mounting a Rapid Autumn" by Frances Anne Hopkins which was bought at £75,000 by an investment corporation in Toronto for its private museum (estimate £20,000-£40,000).

Two large watercolours of New Zealand by Nicholas Chevalier went to a dealer from Auckland. The first, of Mount Cook, made £42,000 (estimate £15,000-£22,000) and the second, of Lake Manapouri, £38,000 (estimate £15,000-£20,000).

In a sale of European ceramics at Phillips yesterday, a collection of English slipware sold well. A "Cavalier" dish by Ralph Toft, dated 1677 and decorated with a primitive portrait, perhaps of the Duke of York, made £44,000 (estimate £30,000-£40,000).

At Sotheby's, a sale of Victorian paintings made £601,315 with 30 per cent failing to find buyers. A John Emms work, showing a hunting pack drinking at a country well during an exercise walk, went to a private buyer at £20,900 (estimate £18,000-£25,000).

In New York on Tuesday, Sotheby's sold jewels to a total of \$3,259,465 or £2,089,401 with 17 per cent bought in.

Yesterday Christie's announced that from August 1 they will be imposing a 10 per cent buyers' premium at their United Kingdom salerooms.

Burke's drill for link in oil dynasty

Burke's Peerage has been called in to help 516 American members of the Humphries family in their claim to a two billion dollar oil fortune.

Announcing the news yesterday Mr Harold Brooks-Baker, American-born publishing director of Burke's, described the saga as "a tale of money, murder and passion, which makes *Dallas* and *Dynasty* combined look like that simple tale of country folk, *The Archers*".

The dispute, between the Humphries family and the rival McFaddens, which has gone on for much of this century, surfaced again this week when Mr Hugh Peskett, a genealogist, announced he had been engaged by an American law firm acting for one claimant. He said that he thought an unknown Englishman might be the heir.

At once, two American groups staked their rival claims through Burke's to the 4,600 acres, which include the oil-rich city of Beaumont, Texas, beneath which lies a lake of oil worked by the Chevron Oil Company, paying rich royalties.

It was scribbled when Pelham Humphries, a rancher from Tennessee, acquired it in 1835 from the Mexican government, which then owned Texas. The first death associated with it came five years later, when he was shot in a bar. From then on no other Humphries felt inclined to take it over.

In 1850, the McFaddens made their claim as squatters, although they are believed to have paid something. Mr Brooks-Baker said. It was still poor pasture when oil was struck early this century.

Members of the family who were not amused at Mr Peskett's announcement were Mrs Mary McCasman, of Memphis, Tennessee, representing 500 Humphries, and Mrs Rena Kiedinger, of Panama City, Florida, representing 16.

They contacted Burke's who said that they would work out their relationship to Mr Pelham Humphries and whether the Humphries were properly divested of their title to the land.

But he said: "We doubt if there will be a windfall for anyone, so we are doing it for our expenses — and, of course, publicity."

Remand for fire father

Michael Tracey, aged 25, of Lingham Street, Stockwell, south London, was remanded in custody yesterday by magistrates at Camberwell, south London, charged with wilfully neglecting his three children on Monday night when they died in a fire at their home.

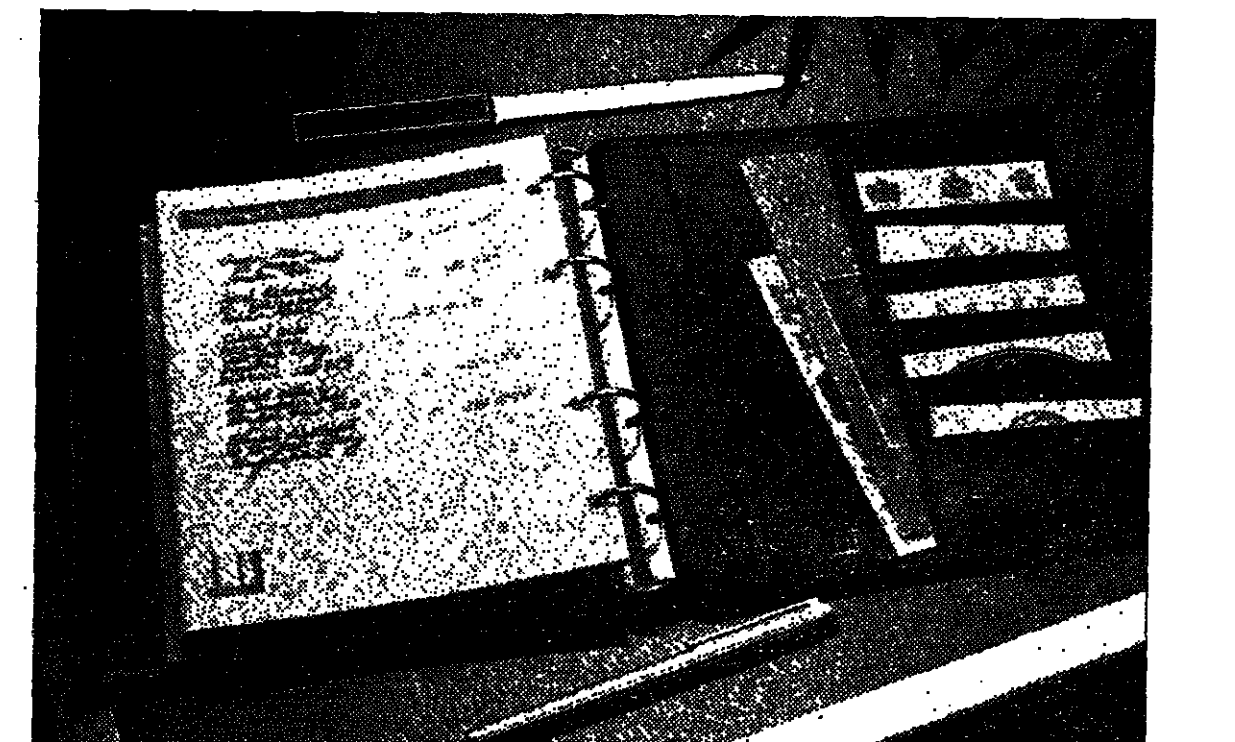
The children were Jamie, aged five, his brother Lee, aged four, and sister Melanie, aged two. There was no application for bail and Mr Tracey was remanded until June 25.

Air-sea hunt for brothers

An air-sea search was launched yesterday for a trimaran with two brothers on board. They were taking part in a race between Jersey and Cork.

John and Bill Fogarty, both in their mid-60s, were last seen as they rounded Land's End on Sunday. The weather was said to be "rather bad".

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EEC, Commonwealth and Britain united in attitude to apartheid

SOUTH AFRICA

Mrs Thatcher should be persuaded to abandon her "pig-headed" opposition to sanctions against South Africa, Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, told Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, during Commons questions.

The Prime Minister's opposition to sanctions has identified Britain as the protector of apartheid in the outside world, had split the European Community and now threatened to break up the Commonwealth itself, Mr Healey said.

Sir Geoffrey Howe rejected Mr Healey's comments as inaccurate and said the EEC, the Commonwealth and the Government positions were in line. Asked if he would make it his policy, as President of the EEC Council, to initiate a review of relations between member states and South Africa, he said the foreign ministers of the 12 regularly discussed the situation in South Africa at their meetings. The next meeting would take place on June 16.

Foreign ministers of the 12 would continue to meet to review policy during the British presidency.

Mr Tom Cox (Teething, Lab): As President of the EEC Council he will have enormous influence on the attitude of the members. As the situation worsens west by west in South Africa and with the comments the Eminent Persons' Group (EPG) has made as to the attitude of South Africa, what else has to happen in that country before the Government starts to give decisive leadership against the actions and the attitudes of the South African Government?

Are we forever to be making excuses? Are we forever to be dragging our feet? When are we going to give some leadership? Sir Geoffrey Howe: The Government has condemned the apartheid system without reservation and made it plain it should go and go as quickly as possible. It is to that end we supported the work of the Eminent Persons' Group whose report is now in our hands and will be considered. The European Community foreign ministers, when they met from all 12 states in February, made it plain that it was under active consideration by them as well.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C): Would he give himself a priority of doing the best to align the policy of the EEC, Commonwealth and Government?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The position adopted by the Community at Luxembourg last September and subsequently by the Commonwealth in the following month and this Government's position were very clearly in line with each other.

Mr Healey: Now that the Commonwealth Eminent Persons' Group has reported that no progress is likely to be made towards a peaceful settlement in South Africa unless the external powers impose new sanctions on the Botha regime,

will the Foreign Secretary persuade the Prime Minister to abandon her pig-headed opposition to sanctions?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: His comment is characteristically inaccurate. The position of the European Community has been a common position from September last year and the position of the Commonwealth has been a common position since last October. Full and careful consideration is now being given to the report of the Eminent Persons' Group. We all share the common aim of

position to influence its thinking.

Mrs Chalker: In order to be in a better position to influence its thinking we have had official level contacts where appropriate. While the ANC is made up of very many different viewpoints, if the Communists take it over they will simply exploit the situation where nationalists are denied the means of political expression.

That is why we have called for an end to apartheid and why we have supported the EPG's work which has been carried out so thoroughly over recent months.

Mr Nicholas Soames (Crawley, C): The imposition of sanctions is likely to produce more bloodshed and anarchy. In the townships unemployment is already running at 50 per cent. What possible advantage would accrue to those we wish to help by the imposition of sanctions? Mrs Chalker: There are many views on this subject but we certainly know that sanctions as they have been applied in the past, have not given a clear outcome.

We wanted to make sure, and continue to do so, that the action we have taken such as the arms embargo, the Gleneagles Agreement, European Community measures decided at Luxembourg, the Nassau measures, and the stepping up of our own policy against South Africa, should only consider measures which will work, otherwise we will worsen the situation still further, as he says.

Mr Donald Anderson, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth Affairs: When the UK takes over as chairman of the EEC Council of Ministers on July 1, will it still maintain opposition in principle against meeting the ANC at ministerial level, although we have agreed that other chairmen do meet them?

If so, will not the British public and our allies conclude that we are only prepared to engage with white South Africans and not black South Africans?

Mrs Chalker: His last remark is nonsense. Of course we are prepared to engage constructively with all South Africans. It is for the dialogue between all the peoples we have been working behind the scenes and for which the Commonwealth EPG has worked so hard. But when we take the present report, we will consider the measures that need to be taken at that time and I am sure the discussion will go along such lines.

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C): The failure of the EPG is partly because the Commonwealth secretary and the Secretary General have been hand-in-hand with the ANC who have no intention of pursuing peaceful reform in South Africa.

This Government has no business in discussing such matters with terrorists and would be better talking to the moderate black leaders in South Africa.

Mrs Chalker: The earlier part of his question was quite wrong. Of course we will talk with the range of black leaders in South Africa but it must be left to the Government's decision as to the best way to do it.



Jackson: Need to influence ANC thinking

bringing in an early end apartheid in South Africa, if possible achieving that without violence and through a process of dialogue.

Earlier, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said contacts between officials and the African National Congress were continuing as appropriate and the central purpose of this was to bring home to the ANC the importance of a suspension of violence on all sides in South Africa in order to promote a constructive dialogue.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): Now that the Eminent Persons' Group has been bombed out of South Africa by the Botha regime's actions against three Commonwealth countries a few weeks ago, why does the Government, when it sits down with the ANC — as it should do at ministerial level — not call for an unconditional amnesty for Mandela and also take the lead on economic sanctions in that unhappy country?

Mr Robert Jackson (Wantage, C): Will she recognize that the ANC is the oldest political party in South Africa and it will play a crucial part in the future of that country? It is very important that Britain should be in a better

Welcome for Reagan move on Poseidons

SALT II

European governments in Nato believed it important to continue compliance with the Salt II arms treaty by East and West and for that reason welcomed the announcement by President Reagan of the breaking up of two Poseidon nuclear submarines in accordance with the terms of the treaty, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during question time in the Commons.

He hoped that the Soviet Union would respond as necessary to enable the treaty to be observed on both sides.

Mr Michael Fallon (Dartington, C): One prime interest of the Russians was to invent and exploit potential objections between members of the Alliance, for example this country and the United States. Is it not irresponsible that Mr Healey in Moscow chose to lead himself to the conference at the opportunity and strength of the Western Alliance?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: If I had to account for all his activities I would spend a great deal of time trying to defend him in vain. I hope he has taken the opportunity in Moscow to drive home to them the need to reach balanced agreement on arms control.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab): One of the most damaging influences at play today on the success of Nato is the American President pursuing policies that damage the organization by rejecting Salt II. Sir Geoffrey Howe: The United States leadership has been taking steps in the last few years to advance the process of arms control.

Mr Dennis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth Affairs: Would he inform the United States Secretary of State that the unity of the Alliance can only be weakened when the American administration continues to pursue a policy of human contact already reached by his own officials and by European members of the Berne conference, and when President Reagan threatens to violate the Salt II restrictions on arms control? He specifically advised him not to when asked for his opinion?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I do not doubt the importance of seeking to achieve agreement during meetings such as Berne on human contacts.

One must also make a different view of the Salt II agreement by saying it is right to welcome the decision of the United States to stay within Salt II by breaking up the submarines. I hope they will continue to stay within the Salt II constraints.

Move to curb sale of crossbows

Parliament today

Unless restrictions were placed on the sale of crossbows these lethal weapons could cause not just one death but numerous fatalities, Mr Donald Dixon (Jarrow, Lab) said during question time in the Commons today.

There had already been incidents, he said, of a police patrol fired on by a crossbow, a bolt going through the wing of an aircraft and into the fuselage, and many animals being killed or injured.

My Bill is asking the Government to do something urgently about (he said) by making crossbows subject to licence under the Firearms Act, amending the Wildlife and Countryside Act to make it an offence to kill any animal with a crossbow, not only wild animals, but also to restrict on sales, to place an age restriction on purchasers and to make sales to minors a punishable offence.

Commons (2.30): Financial Services Bill, completion of remaining stages.

Health and Welfare Bill, committee, first day. Drug Trafficking Bill, third reading.

Benn tribute to Cousins

TOURISM

A tribute to the late Mr Frank Cousins was paid in the Commons by Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) who said he wished to place on record the sadness which many MPs would feel at the death of a former MP and minister.

He described Mr Cousins as "a distinguished member of the trade union movement, a warm and kindly man whose loss will be sadly regretted by those who knew him and worked with him".

Mr Michael Antram, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said in a Commons written reply that the Secretary of State (Mr Michael Rixford) had approved a decision to place an order for a new ferry with Ferguson-Ailsa Ltd.

Signs of an upturn in visitors to Britain

Ship orders

There were signs of an early upturn in tourist business, Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said during questions in the House of Lords when asked by Lord Hinch of Lassby (Lab) how many tourists were estimated to have cancelled their visits to Britain as a result of the bombing of Libya.

Lord Young of Graffham said precise details of the number of cancellations by prospective tourists since the attack on Libya were not available. At worst, the tourist industry had estimated that the number of visitors from the United States could be down as much as 15 per cent this year, representing a

Bob Geldof's inelegant phrase

HOWE SPEECH

When Mr Dale Campbell-Saunders (Workington, Lab) asked Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, in the Commons for his response to Mr Bob Geldof's description of his speech at the United Nations special session on Africa as "a lot of old crap" the Speaker, Mr Kenneth Carlisle, intervened to say that that was not a very elegant phrase to use.

Mr Campbell-Saunders immediately pointed out that Mr Geldof had been given a knighthood after using it.

Sir Geoffrey Howe commented that he regarded that kind of language as unhelpful. But it was only one of the aspects of Mr Geldof's character which had made him widely admired around the world for the part he had played, he added.

Mr Allister Burt (Bury North, C) began the exchanges by referring to general satisfaction at the KBE award to Mr Geldof. He also said that it was a pity that the patient and generous work done by this country over many

Projects to help patients

Technology Corporation

A gold substitute which will save electronics companies millions of pounds a year has been developed by the British electrical giant BICC.

The process is the result of three years' research and has been pursued by electronic experts who have refined for decades on gold for good electrical contacts since it does not wear and is non-corrosive.

The British substitute has the same properties as a full gold contact and is made from a palladium alloy — one of the platinum family — coated with a thin film of gold, only one tenth of the thickness now used.

The creators are expecting it to have a big impact on the electronics market. In the past few days the price of gold has climbed substantially due to investors' nerves about the impact of political unrest in South Africa, the principal source of palladium, but alternative supplies are in abundance in the Soviet Union and Canada.

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But there are experienced judges who believe that quite a lot could be achieved by making even an extra £50 million to £100 million available to the NHS general management board for use on projects for direct services to patients, perhaps on measures specifically designed to reduce the length of waiting lists.

The Government is rightly trying to shift health resources to those regions which have been most cared for in the past. But that process is bound to cause pain elsewhere. There is a bit more money all round. Yet whatever money is available will need to be better used.

The resignation of Mr Victor Paige as chairman of the NHS management board points to the gravity of the administrative problems. It is not the concept of business management of the service that is at fault. It is rather that the Civil Servants have muddled in on what was intended to be a separate structure of management. Unless that is corrected it will be hard to get value for money.

Getting value for money is the challenge. The trap for the Government is that it may not even get credit for the money it does spend if ministers appear to be bawling in semi-public on the rival merits of tax cuts and public expenditure.

They have tended in the past to get the worst of both worlds by spending more money but with evident reluctance. If they are wise now they will spend a limited amount of extra money in a more positive spirit.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

In his first major speech to the House of Commons as Secretary of State for Education, Mr Kenneth Baker announced this week that a further £20 million is to be spent on books and equipment for the new GCSE examinations. In her speech last week to the Conservative Women's Conference, Mrs Thatcher gave what has been widely interpreted as a clarion call for lower taxes.

The juxtaposition of those two statements points to both a political challenge and a trap now facing the Government. The challenge is to extract the maximum benefit from selective increases in spending. Ideally, the increases would be so selective as to leave room for tax cuts as well. There is much to be said for having the best of both worlds if we can get it.

But if there is to be a choice, then the political priority should be some more money for education and health. I pick out these two services because it is there that the political pressures lie.

There may be other good claimants for extra spending on grounds of public policy. But the political complaints to be heard on the doorstep at recent by-elections have focussed on schools and hospitals.

Grumbling about standards

TOURISM

The Director General of the British Tourist Authority, who had recently returned from the US, had said that forward bookings were now back on the right track and that tourist inquiries at BT offices were returning to their former levels.

The Government was taking all possible steps to convey the message to prospective visitors that Britain was a very safe and enjoyable destination. In the first three months of this year the number of visits increased by 10 per cent and visitors from North America by 15 per cent.

We have to work together in a concerted effort (he said) to reduce the level of terrorism and make this a world safe to travel in.

Signs of an upturn in visitors to Britain

TOURISM

There were signs of an early upturn in tourist business, Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said during questions in the House of Lords when asked by Lord Hinch of Lassby (Lab) how many tourists were estimated to have cancelled their visits to Britain as a result of the bombing of Libya.

Lord Young of Graffham said precise details of the number of cancellations by prospective tourists since the attack on Libya were not available. At worst, the tourist industry had estimated that the number of visitors from the United States could be down as much as 15 per cent this year, representing a

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A gold substitute which will save electronics companies millions of pounds a year has been developed by the British electrical giant BICC.

The process is the result of three years' research and has been pursued by electronic experts who have refined for decades on gold for good electrical contacts since it does not wear and is non-corrosive.

The British substitute has the same properties as a full gold contact and is made from a palladium alloy — one of the platinum family — coated with a thin film of gold, only one tenth of the thickness now used.

The creators are expecting it to have a big impact on the electronics market. In the past few days the price of gold has climbed substantially due to investors' nerves about the impact of political unrest in South Africa, the principal source of palladium, but alternative supplies are in abundance in the Soviet Union and Canada.

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But there are experienced judges who believe that quite a lot could be achieved by making even an extra £50 million to £100 million available to the NHS general management board for use on projects for direct services to patients, perhaps on measures specifically designed to reduce the length of waiting lists.

The Government is rightly trying to shift health resources to those regions which have been most cared for in the past. But that process is bound to cause pain elsewhere. There is a bit more money all round. Yet whatever money is available will need to be better used.

The resignation of Mr Victor Paige as chairman of the NHS management board points to the gravity of the administrative problems. It is not the concept of business management of the service that is at fault. It is rather that the Civil Servants have muddled in on what was intended to be a separate structure of management. Unless that is corrected it will be hard to get value for money.

Getting value for money is the challenge. The trap for the Government is that it may not even get credit for the money it does spend if ministers appear to be bawling in semi-public on the rival merits of tax cuts and public expenditure.

They have tended in the past to get the worst of both worlds by spending more money but with evident reluctance. If they are wise now they will spend a limited amount of extra money in a more positive spirit.

An MP's right to demonstrate

DEMOCRACY

There were loud Labour protests in the Commons when Mr Timothy Eggar, Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, remarked to Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab) that he was pleased to see him taking part in the democratic process rather than demonstrating on the streets and calling for withdrawal of the comment.

After the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, said that every MP was responsible for what he said, Mr Eggar said he had no intention of withdrawing anything. I have nothing to withdraw (he said). I welcome Mr Corbyn back to the House.

Mr Corbyn was among 16 people arrested outside the Old Bailey on Monday in a protest demonstration of the strip

searching of women defendants in a bomb trial.

Mr Corbyn later asked if it was in order for a minister answering questions to suggest that MPs who took part in demonstrations outside the House on matters about which they felt strongly were acting undemocratically.

Does not democracy mean (he asked) that people have a right to speak freely in this House and also a right to speak freely and demonstrate outside the House on matters they feel strongly about?

The Speaker: I am not responsible for what Mr Corbyn does outside the House, but it is perfectly in order for him to demonstrate if that is what he wishes to do. But every MP takes responsibility for what he says here.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) asked the Speaker if he would confirm to Mr Corbyn that although any MP

was entitled to demonstrate or speak freely, he was not entitled to break the law.

The Speaker: That goes for all of us.

Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab): Is it in order for Mr Marlow to imply that by taking part in demonstrations Mr Corbyn has, in fact, been involved in illegal activities? The Speaker: I have given him my protection. What else does he want?

Mr Corbyn: I am grateful for your protection of democratic rights inside and outside the House.

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Alliance study recommends keeping Polaris as deterrent

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

Cancellation "at the first opportunity" of the Trident missile programme and the maintenance in service for the next decade of the Polaris nuclear submarines was recommended yesterday by the Joint Liberal-SDP Commission on Defence and Disarmament after a two-year study of British defence policy.

A strong restatement of the two parties' commitment to Nato, a strengthening of the European pillar within the Atlantic Alliance, support for the continued stationing of American bases in Britain, although with a dual-key mechanism for nuclear missiles, a more positive approach by Britain to arms control and disarmament and a comprehensive review of Britain's defence priorities formed the central recommendations of the commission set up by Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen.

The key passages on Polaris, which have caused so much controversy within the Alliance, state that no early decision should be taken on a replacement.

The commission states: "The future of the Polaris submarines must be considered in terms both of deterrence and of arms control. We believe that the Polaris submarines should be maintained in service as a European contribution to deterrence

Owen stands firm on nuclear arms

Parliament today

From the moment it became known that the commission would be leaving open the question of a successor to Polaris, Dr Owen has taken several opportunities to express his readiness to replace it. He said at the Council for Social Democracy in Southampton on May 18: "I must tell you bluntly that I believe we should remain a nuclear-weapon state.

"If we are to carry conviction in our decision to cancel Trident after an election we ought to be prepared to say that we will find a replacement for Polaris, unless there has been such a massive reduction in nuclear warheads on the part of the Soviet Union and the United States

that we would feel it right in negotiations to give up our nuclear weapons.

"I definitely do not believe I would carry any conviction in the next election were I to answer on your behalf on the question of the replacement to Polaris 'that would have to depend on the circumstances at the time'. That would get, and would deserve, a belly laugh from the British electorate. That sort of fudging and muddling was what I left behind in the Labour Party."

In Bonn last Thursday, he stated: "What is vital to Europe is that France should not be left as the only European nuclear-weapon state."

technical alternatives which might be available to maintain a European minimum deterrent, the views of our European allies on whether new British nuclear capabilities are required for European defence.

It was the leaking of those passages in a manner which suggested that they represented a defeat for Dr Owen which led to two of the SDP leader's colleagues insisting that the preface to the report by Mr John Edmonds, the chairman, should include the following words: "Certain members of the commission wish it to be made clear that in their view Britain should in present circumstances remain a nuclear

weapon state and that they are willing to replace Polaris. Some other members believe that present circumstances do not justify the replacement of Polaris. I must stress, however, that all members agree that a decision on whether and, if so, how to replace Polaris should be based on the basis of the criteria we have set out.

The commission agrees, however, that Polaris should be included in appropriate disarmament and arms control negotiations.

It states: "It is important that Britain's own strategic nuclear forces should not impede United States and Soviet reductions. We view that British and French nuclear forces must be taken into account as part of the East/West balance and thus in nuclear arms control negotiations."

It adds: "Britain should also work out under what conditions the present Polaris force could be included in negotiations with the Soviet Union and be ready to discuss such proposals with her allies and with the Russians."

Arguing against continuing the Trident project, the commission states that it will account for at least 6 per cent of the equipment budget during the period of its acquisition and substantially more during the peak years at a time when the defence budget as a whole is severely overstretched. When the super powers are talking of deep cuts in

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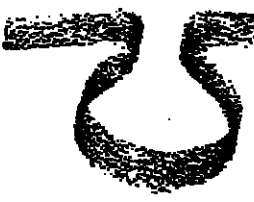
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THE IRA BOMBERS

The IRA blunders that stopped a devastating bombing campaign

By Stewart Tendler and Richard Ford

The Brighton bomber, the most devastating IRA terrorist to strike in Britain, was caught by a blend of police and MI 5 intelligence, undercover surveillance and blunders by Patrick Magee himself.

Police were led not only to Magee but to an IRA "active service unit" preparing to wreak such extraordinary havoc that some British resorts faced the possibility of evacuation last summer.

The first bomb of their campaign would have been in Brighton on the morning the Queen was visiting the town. The last would have been in Southampton during Cowes week.

Other targets may have been reconnoitred, including Wembley Stadium. In London bombs are thought to have been planned for a hotel in south Kensington and another in Bayswater at the height of the tourist season.

Magee returned to mainland Britain after the Grand Hotel bombing unaware that he had left behind fingerprints which could conclusively identify him.

When the IRA set up the active service unit they recruited a callow Donegal man who was both a terrorist innocent abroad and mentally ill.

As the man withdrew from the unit after a series of security gaffes, a man bringing a message on his future was being shadowed by police; leading them across the Irish Channel from Belfast to the western coast of Scotland and a rendezvous with Magee.

The two terrorists met on Carlisle station last June. One of the watchers recognized Magee from the description in a confidential police circular.

A few hours later armed police raided a Glasgow flat to arrest Magee, and ended not only an IRA strategy to attack 16 holiday hotels and beaches last summer but embryo plans to bomb or shoot SAS targets, a senior British officer connected with the regiment, and other military targets.

But today, as Magee faces decades in one of Britain's top security prisons, some of the men and women who helped him to smuggle and assemble the Brighton bomb are still at large.

Scotland Yard detectives believe that the Brighton tar-

get may have been chosen up to two years ago by the Provisional IRA's Army Council.

Bombing the hotel at the height of the Conservative Party conference would be a vital coup for the Provisionals, whose fortunes have fluctuated in the past few years. Under the Victorian roof of the Grand would be sleeping the Prime Minister and the most senior members of the Cabinet, on the night before Mrs Thatcher was to address the conference.

It is likely that the Provos were first attracted to the aim of killing Mrs Thatcher in 1981, during her intransigent stand against the 10 Republican hunger strikers.

The Provos calculated that attacks in Britain would not affect their electoral strategy in Ulster, would bring them more publicity than 50 bombs in Belfast, and would be particularly popular among hard-line activists concerned that their "Armalite and ballot box" approach was leading to a downgrading of military operations.

The attack at Brighton, which occurred during pro-



Mrs Eileen Magee yesterday, in a T-shirt which reads "Our Day Will Come" (Photograph: Chris Harris).

longed negotiations between London and Dublin, was intended to create a security and political crisis which the Provo strategists believed would lead to a radical rethink of the Ulster problem. It was expected that if the Prime Minister were killed Britain would immediately reintroduce in-

ternment and arrest, the leaders of Provisional Sinn Fein, but a review of policy would begin, leading to British withdrawal from Ulster within two years.

The attack at Brighton was consciously patterned on the King David Hotel bombing in Jerusalem in 1948 and the



Patrick Magee, who planted the Brighton bomb.

IRA believed that because of the age of the building the bomb would completely demolish it and that at least 50 people would have been killed.

Trying to plant a bomb during the conference would be risky. The alternative was to take a room in the Grand some weeks in advance and use an electrically powered long-term timer. To avoid detection by sniffer dogs the explosive could be wrapped in clinging plastic film and the device hidden within room fittings.

The components are believed to have been gathered from caches of weapons, explosives and materials stored by the Provisionals in mainland Britain. After a massive Scotland Yard hunt through London in the winter of 1980

the Provisionals stopped using safe houses or garages as stores, and buried material in country areas.

It was from one of those caches, in the Salcey Forest, south of Northampton, that the timing units are thought to have been taken late in 1983 or early in 1984. Special Branch officers discovered the cache in 1984.

Police found three timing units labelled one, three and four. They were set to run for about 24 days. Number two was missing, but its existence was not forgotten. Months later, as police began to search the ruins of the Grand they discovered parts of powerful batteries. Commander William Huckleby, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, was leading a team of his men alongside Sussex detectives under Detective Chief Superintendent Jack Reece, head of Sussex CID. The Yard men remembered the missing timer.

The Grand's register was searched for the period 24 to 30 days before the bomb. On the weekend of September 15 a Mr Roy Walsh from a south London address took room 629.

Roy Walsh was the name of an IRA bomber serving a long sentence in Parkhurst for bombing the Central Criminal Court in 1973. Could the name have been chosen by another IRA bomber with a strange sense of humour?

A detective inspector in the anti-terrorist branch made the crucial link. Looking at long-term intelligence he made a link to Patrick Magee.

Special Branch contacted their opposite numbers in the Garda in Dublin to discover if any known activists had disappeared from their normal haunts. Magee was missing from the Dublin estate where he lived.

The hotel registration card for 629 was sent to the Yard's fingerprint experts. A palm print matched Magee.

At the Grand Magee had not asked for a particular room but was given one overlooking the sea. The Prime Minister and her Cabinet would also have rooms on the front during the conference. The final positioning of the bomb was therefore partly a matter of luck. The amount of explosive was going to be so large that the bomb was guaranteed to inflict massive damage on the front of the hotel.

Four months later, in January last year police received the final report from the fingerprint experts. Sussex police were told who "Walsh" was.

The Brighton bomb had shown the effectiveness of major action on the British mainland as a demonstration of IRA strength. The plan now was to stage a lengthy series of attacks using bombs with 24 or 48 day timing delays.

The bombing would have occurred in the final stages of the complex discussions which led to the Anglo-Irish agreement. A political and security crisis would have been created.

The first steps in the new campaign were taken in Ireland where the active service unit was being assembled. Apart from seasoned operators like Magee and Gerard McDonnell, the overall commander of the unit, there was also a need for people who could work in Britain without raising any suspicion.

The IRA turned to Donal Craig, an unemployed young man living in Co Donegal. Craig came from a Republican family. No one took much notice of the fact that Craig was mentally ill. A manic depressive, he had already received treatment in an Irish hospital.

After hospital treatment Magee lived with his family in a working class estate in Dublin.

The city streets that bred a terrorist

By Richard Ford, Michael Horsnell and Stewart Tendler

Patrick Magee, the Provisional IRA's twentieth century version of Guy Fawkes, travelled in the space of a decade from life as a teenager in a quiet East Anglian city to the violent streets of Belfast and a career as the IRA's foremost soldier.

The quiet, introverted figure remembered by teachers, neighbours and schoolmates in Norwich became in turn a petty criminal, an interneer and an Irish exile.

Magee might never have stood in the dock at the Central Criminal Court but for the fact that he arrived in Belfast as an impressionable 19-year-old to find Ulster's troubles beginning to erupt.

He was in fact returning to the scene of his birth in 1951. Two years later the family moved to Norwich in search of work and Mr Magee started with the aircraft and engineering firm of Boulton Paul.

A devoutly Roman Catholic family the Magees were far from wealthy.

Magee was educated in Norwich at a Roman Catholic nursery school, primary school and St Thomas More Secondary Modern after failing his 11-plus examination for secondary education.

In September 1966, shortly after leaving school, he was put on probation by Norwich juvenile court for breaking into a shop. Two years' later in the same court sent him to approved school for stealing and breach of probation.

Released after his sentence he was again in trouble. In October 1969 a Norwich court gave him a conditional discharge for two years on a theft charge and a few months later the Magee family moved back to Belfast.

The Magees returned to Britain after a couple of years - they now live in Ashford, Kent - leaving their eldest son behind in the Ardoyne area of Belfast where an active, tough Provisional IRA group was rising in the down-at-heel working class area bordering on the Protestant stronghold of the Shankhill.

Postcard wedding news for family

He had the potential to be a big asset for the Provisionals in their campaigns in mainland Britain. Few of their number had spent as much time living in Britain as Magee.

By now his contact with his family seems to have been minimal. When he married his girlfriend, Eileen McGreevey, from an address only a few streets from where he was living, two months after the arrest, he announced the fact to his parents with a postcard.

Three years later in 1980 Magee was reported to be living across the border in the Irish Republic. He had been identified to Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch as a suspect in the Provisional IRA bombing campaign in London in 1978-79.

Magee emerged publicly in the Netherlands in the late summer of 1980.

He had crossed to Belgium with a group of his fellow countrymen looking for work. Arrived in Rotterdam and been placed with a brickworks at Overloren, in Brabant, working as a labourer. But on September 19, 1980 as he was cycling to work he was knocked off his bicycle by a police van and arrested by a squad of armed Dutch police.

The British had tracked Magee down, and applied to the Dutch for his arrest and extradition.

Magee was held in solitary confinement in Maastricht prison until January 1981 when he went before a Dutch court which threw out the extradition request.

But later he went back to Ireland where trouble seems to have been waiting for him. In November 1981 he was one of two men who were shot outside the offices of *Republican News* in Parnell square, Dublin.

After hospital treatment Magee lived with his family in a working class estate in Dublin.

Diary of destruction

- The bomb calendar found by police gave a complete list of targets last summer, the choice of an hotel or beach for the device and the time of the planned explosion. Four of the bombs were to be booby-trapped: one of those was known to be at Margate and one in London.
- The targets were:
 - July 19: Brighton, hotel target, bomb timed to explode at 1 pm.
 - July 20: Dover, hotel, timed to explode at 1 pm.
 - July 20: Ramsgate, hotel, timed to explode at 1 pm.
 - July 22: London, hotel, timed to explode at 11 am.
 - July 23: Blackpool, hotel, timed to explode at 11 am.
 - July 24: London, hotel, timed to explode at 11 am.
 - July 25: Eastbourne, beach, timed to explode at 11 am.
 - July 26: London, Rubens Hotel, timed to explode at 11 am and booby-trapped.
 - July 27: Bournemouth, beach, timed to explode at 11 am.
 - July 29: London, hotel, timed to explode at 1 pm.
 - July 30: Torquay, hotel, timed to explode at 1 pm.
 - July 31: Great Yarmouth, beach, timed to explode at 1 pm.
 - August 1: Folkestone, hotel, timed to explode at 1 pm.
 - August 2: Margate, hotel, timed to explode at 1 pm and booby-trapped.
 - August 3: Southend, hotel, timed to explode at 11 am.
 - August 5: Southampton, hotel, timed to explode at 11 am.

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THE IRA BOMBERS

The black night when terror ripped a happy world apart

By Michael McCarthy

Donald and Muriel MacLean may have been Scotland's leading Conservatives, but the reality of their lives lay far from the rarified atmosphere of political power-broking and Highland high-living.

He was, and is, a small-town ophthalmic optician. For more than 30 years, he has been writing prescriptions for people needing spectacles. His wife, before they married, was a comptometer operator.

Their home was a three-bedroom dormer bungalow built in the 1960s. They had 27 happy, normal suburban years together.

At 2.54 on the morning of October 12, 1984, all of that decent normalcy was blown apart in their Brighton hotel bedroom while they slept.

The Grand Hotel bomb that so nearly wiped out the British Cabinet was placed behind the bath panel of the MacLeans' room, number 629. It went off a few feet away from them and miraculously did not kill them both outright.

Sir Donald - he was knighted last year - was blown straight down to the floor below. His wife, Muriel, was blown into the next room. He escaped with a badly shattered left heel but Muriel, who lost a leg, was so badly hurt that a month later she became the fifth and last of the bomb's fatal victims.

Her husband watched her slip away from him. "The first week I very much thought she had a chance. I was obviously aware that she was severely injured, but from that Friday through to the Sunday night we spent a fair amount of time together and although she was tired we still managed to talk. They had put us in neighbouring rooms and just wheeled my bed through."

"Then on the Sunday night her breathing took a turn for the worse. The breathing difficulty was the thing, really, it was due to the blast compounded by her injuries. She had to go on a ventilator and for that she had to be completely sedated, so then for the next weeks it was just a case of being with her."

Sir Donald, quiet and reserved with warm eyes and a gentle Highland lilt, was talking at his home near Ayr a few hours after learning that Patrick Magee had been convicted of murdering his wife.

Sir Donald met her through the Young Conservatives. "It was in Newcastle where I started working and where Muriel came from. We were members of the same YC branch and we were both canvassing for the Newcastle North by-election in March 1957. Bill Elliot won it. Head days," he smiled.

They married and after returning to Scotland Sir Donald moved up through the ranks of the Conservative



Sir Donald, who is slowly rebuilding his life

sentence is passed I would hope it will be sufficient to make sure that no one else will be put at risk by this fellow's activities.

Sir Donald gave evidence at the trial. Did he see the accused? "Very briefly, when I entered the box."

What did he feel? "Such a mixture of feelings. Two main elements, probably. Puzzelement, that anyone could be so indiscriminate in an act as cowardly as that, and contempt for anyone who could stoop to it. I'm quite certain that whatever the cause may be it cannot justify

this type of action. They don't realize it is counter-productive to their cause."

He must have personal feelings about the bomber himself? "Yes and they will remain exactly that - personal, private feelings."

He is slowly rebuilding his life with the help of his children, his friends and his faith. (He is an elder of the Church of Scotland.)

As deputy chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party he is still very active politically. "A happy couple? Oh, yes indeed. Oh, no doubt about that whatsoever."



Mrs Muriel Maclean, who was an enthusiastic walker, embroiderer and reader of history. She and her husband enjoyed 27 happy suburban years together - until 2.54 am on October 12, 1984, when the bombing of the Grand Hotel, Brighton, destroyed their world. Mrs Maclean later died from the injuries she sustained.

Conviction won by scientific skills of police

By Our Crime Reporter

The battle to convict the man who bombed the Grand Hotel in Brighton was won finally not by patient interrogation or cunning surveillance but by the scientific skill of fingerprint officers at Scotland Yard's laboratory in Lambeth, south London.

It was David Tadd, a fingerprint expert with 18 years experience, who matched the prints of "Roy Walsh" on the registration card for room 629 at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, in September 1984 and those of Patrick Magee.

Fingerprint evidence also linked Magee to the bomb in the Rubens Hotel last summer, and three of the terrorists found with him in a Glasgow flat to a bomb cache left in a cellar.

When the Walsh registration card was discovered two days after the Brighton explosion, the first examination by fingerprint experts in Sussex disclosed nothing to the naked eye or under the microscope. Police decided to send the card to the Lambeth laboratory which was equipped with lasers.

The laser technique is especially effective on plastic and copier paper, and is capable of detecting prints left years before.

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At Lambeth the laser did reveal a mark, but the fingerprint experts decided that the mark was not of sufficient detail and turned to chemical methods.

In autumn 1984 Mr Tadd used the ninhydrin, which could react to amino-acids found in human sweat. The test produced four possible prints. One was from a palm and was left on the bottom edge of the registration card. He applied a second chemical test which reacts to fatty and waxy material found in sweat. This showed another four marks, and one of these was from a finger tip.

It was not until January 10 last year that Mr Tadd eliminated all the prints of staff working in the hotel. He compared the prints he had finally resolved and photographed with the records of Magee dating back to 1966, and found he could match the palm print but not the finger tip.

Mr Tadd was able finally to make a comparison with Magee's finger tips last summer when he confirmed that Magee was responsible for two of the prints on the card.

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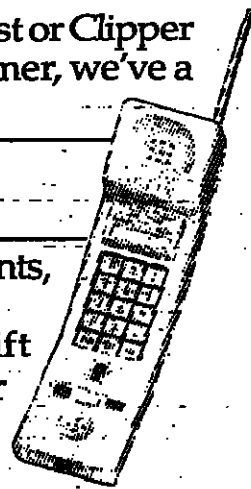
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The city streets that breed a terror...

Anatomy of an IRA hit squad

By Stewart Tendler and Richard Ford



Gerard McDonnell



Ella O'Dwyer



Peter Sherry



Martina Anderson

The IRA terrorists and their aides convicted yesterday represent the most complete provisional IRA active service unit caught and imprisoned in mainland Britain for many years.

The commander of the active service unit was Gerard McDonnell, aged 34. He was operating in Britain despite being on the run from the Maze prison since 1983. An energetic and dominating man he is described as highly intelligent.

Peter Sherry, aged 30, is a former law clerk in a solicitor's firm. In 1974, he was sentenced to seven years for hijacking a lorry and burning it.

Martina Anderson, aged 23, originally lived in the Bogside area of Londonderry.

At one time a beauty queen and model, she was charged in 1981 with causing an explosion, possession of two incendiaries, and possessing with intent.

Ella O'Dwyer, aged 27, was born in Co Tipperary in the Republic and went to live in Dublin where she attended university. She had no record and was unknown to the police in the Irish Republic or Britain until her arrest.

Donal Craig, aged 32, comes from a republican family and was living in Donegal when he was recruited to work for the IRA.

He has a history of mental illness and had spent time being treated in an Irish hospital before he was recruited.

Shaun McShane, aged 32, born in Ireland and living in Glasgow acted as a go-between to help the team to get their safe flats in Glasgow. He also took a message for McDonnell to Sligo in Ireland.

Sri Lanka carnage as passengers blasted by Tamil bus bombs

Colombo (Reuters) — At least 80 people were killed and wounded yesterday when bombs planted by Tamil separatists exploded on two buses in Sri Lanka's eastern city of Trincomalee, a military spokesman said.

He said 20 passengers died immediately, and many more deaths were expected among trapped and injured victims.

Ambulances took the wounded to local hospitals and hospitals in Anuradhapura, 70 miles from Trincomalee. Teams of doctors and nurses carrying blood supplies went by helicopter to the two cities from the capital, Colombo.

The explosions came within three minutes of each other at about 10am, on buses run by the state-owned Ceylon Transport Board. The buses, each carrying 70 civilian passengers, had just left Trincomalee's main bus-depot and were within 200 yards of each other when the bombs went off.

Lieutenant-General Cyril Ranatunga, commander of joint military operations against the separatists, was at the scene directing rescue operations.

The blasts were the latest attacks by rebels fighting to carve out a separate Tamil

nation in northern and eastern Sri Lanka.

Last month more than 130 people died in guerrilla bomb blasts and other attacks, including a raid on the country's second-largest cement factory, a part Japanese-owned plant in Trincomalee.

The bombs went off just as efforts picked up again to find a political settlement to the ethnic conflict between Sri Lanka's majority Sinhalese and minority Tamils, who make up 12.6 per cent of the country's 15 million population.

President Jayewardene was told of the bus bombs during a meeting with his Cabinet to explain Sri Lanka's latest offer to the guerrillas in peace talks mediated by Delhi.

India has played a leading role in trying to settle the conflict because of its 55 million Tamil population, which Sri Lanka says supports the rebels. President Jayewardene has proposed a measure of autonomy for Tamils through a system of provincial councils.

The timing of the bus attacks was similar to bomb blasts on an Air Lanka plane last month, again when peace talks looked likely to make progress. Since the Air Lanka blast and military operations

against the rebel stronghold on the Jaffna peninsula, peace negotiations have been stalled.

Several hours after the bombs, Trincomalee was placed under a 12-hour curfew to head off ethnic clashes like the 1983 riots in Colombo.

The city has a mixed Sinhalese, Tamil and Muslim population. The Defence Secretary, General Sepala Attygalle, said it was not known how many members of each community were among the bus victims. He said they were all innocent civilian passengers.

The national news agency, Lankapuvath, said meanwhile that several civilians were wounded, and some were feared killed, when guerrillas and security forces clashed at sea off a northern island on Tuesday.

It said rebels using fishing boats launched the attack during a "troop changeover" exercise at a recently-established army camp on Mandaitivu island, off the Jaffna peninsula.

Troops captured eight guerrillas and repulsed the attackers, the agency said. There was no official confirmation of reports by local residents that about 30 civilians were killed in the battle.



North Korean guards, right, help Chinese soldiers to bear the coffin of one of their comrades killed in South Korea during the Korean War but only recently returned to the north.

South Korea clash looms over reform

From David Watts, Seoul

Constitutional reform in South Korea is leading towards a confrontation between the Government and opposition.

Mr Kim Dae Jung, one of the opposition's key figures, in an interview with *The Times* yesterday, swiftly repudiated the Government's calls for opposition concessions.

Mr Kim is demanding direct popular election of the President to replace the present electoral college system, which he maintains robs the people of real choice. The governing Democratic Justice Party is trying to steer the debate towards a Cabinet system.

"The people want to restore their own right to a direct vote for the presidency," Mr Kim said at his closely-guarded home in Seoul. "The most important thing is not the system itself but a means to put an end to military government."

"With the present system they can easily manipulate elections. With the direct system we could get one to two million people to a rally in Seoul. The parliamentary system is too weak to control the

military." Mr Kim said the Government had not made any real concession in bringing forward debate on constitutional revision so that it might be implemented before President Chun Doo Hwan is due to step down in 1988.

"The ruling party has made no real concession. It is just a technical, cosmetic concession. The real concession is to guarantee freedom of choice. I see the possibility Chun will just take power again under the Cabinet system. This Government, even though they make a concession, there's always the condition that they maintain power after the next election."

"England never compromised with Hitler. There'll only be a compromise when the Government changes its attitude to support democracy." Mr Kim gave a warning that compromise must come before the Olympics in 1988 or there might be instability. The best way to guarantee the success of the Olympics, which the Government constantly used as a reason for not introducing reforms, was to carry out a transfer of power in advance.

Israel ally warns of guerrilla build-up

Northern border under pressure

From Ian Murray, Metulla, Israel

There is growing Palestinian pressure along Israel's northern border, according to the commander of the South Lebanon Army (SLA), General Antoine Lahad.

Speaking at a rare news conference, obviously given to show that the SLA, with Israeli help, was very much in control of the situation inside the so-called security zone, he said "the Palestinians are preparing themselves", and claimed that, with Syrian help, they were using militants from other groups, such as the Hezbollah Islamic extremists and the Communists, to try to infiltrate the zone.

General Lahad said there were two or three attacks a day and that most came from outside the zone. This indicated that there was very little real penetration of the SLA area.

He said all the attackers relied on Syrian money and weapons. Syrian intelligence officers served with the groups and fights between the rival factions were engineered by the Syrians, who used this discord to increase the reliance each group had on support from Damascus.

The general admitted that the army could not operate without Israeli support, but he was fiercely patriotic in what he said about this.

"It is important to understand that the SLA is composed of Lebanese soldiers and I am a Lebanese. The interests of Lebanon are much more important than any Israeli interests," he said.

It was the duty of any country to maintain peace along its international borders, and as

this was not being done by the Lebanese Government he saw it as the SLA's mission to do so. There had to be part of the Lebanese community prepared to work with its neighbours so that when eventually there was peace a relationship existed to build on.

"Our interests are for peace and they meet the Israeli interest for peace. We have a common interest," he said.

He was scornful of the idea that the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (Unifil) could maintain peace. Even with a force of 200,000 men, he said, they would not be able to control the area without help from local Lebanese people who understood the language and customs.

The only reason that Unifil maintained good relations with the Amal Shia group, he suggested, was to keep its soldiers safe from attack. The Unifil-controlled areas north of the SLA zone were "sanctuaries" for groups attacking the zone. Unifil, he said, was more like the International Red Cross (IRC) than a peacekeeping force.

He was angry with the IRC about the way it had attacked him for not allowing an inspection of the SLA prison at Khian. It had no legal right to make such an inspection, he said. Although there was nothing to hide, the SLA could not agree to allow an international body to inspect a prison where people were being detained in connection with an internal affair.

He denied reports of torture and mistreatment at the prison and said relatives, even from outside the zone, were allowed to visit detainees.

Iran rescues wounded from Beirut camp

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

Iranian attempts to negotiate a settlement between Shia Muslim militiamen and Palestinian guerrillas fighting in Beirut produced their first results yesterday when Iranian doctors evacuated 10 wounded Palestinians from a besieged refugee camp.

The rescue came as Mr Nabih Berri, leader of the Shia Amal militia, asked Syria to send troops to end the fighting around the Sabra, Chatilla and Bourj al-Barajneh camps.

Six Iranian doctors entered Bourj al-Barajneh in ambulances flying the Iranian flag in a lull in the fighting, now in its fourth week.

The four women, three children and three young men were the first wounded to be taken to hospital since fighting virtually ceased off the camps.

One Palestinian said 17 wounded guerrillas had refused to leave the camp. "They demanded guarantees that Amal militiamen will not liquidate them in hospitals."

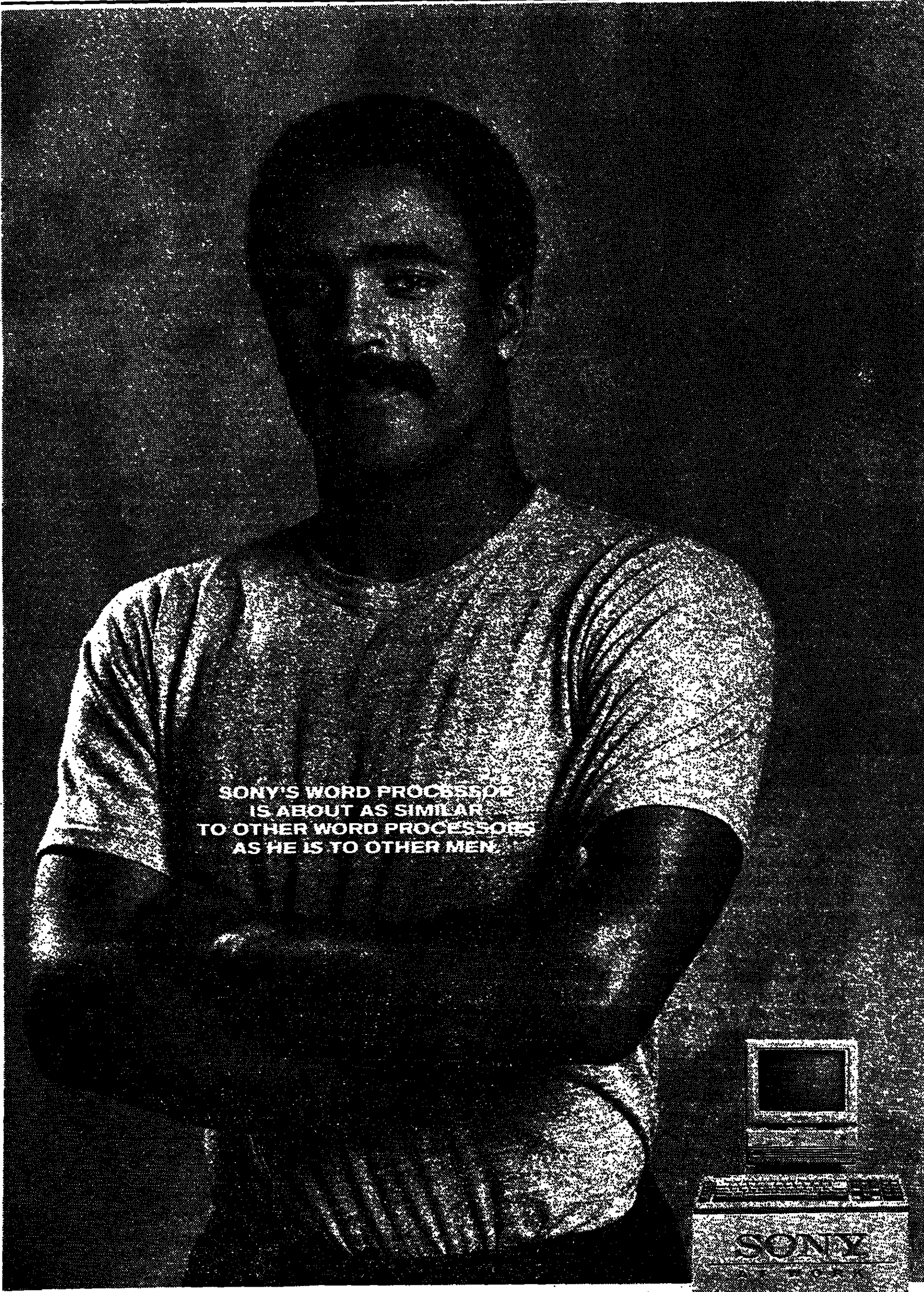
The rescue came four days after Iran began its diplomatic campaign, led by Mr Muhammad Ali Becharati, the Deputy Foreign Minister, to end the "camps war", in which more than 110 people have been killed and 500 wounded.

Iranian military intervention was published by Beirut newspapers as he had talks in Damascus with Mr Abdul-Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Vice-President, and representatives of pro-Syrian Palestinian guerrilla groups.

"The time has come for our Syrian brothers to set up a military or a security force to disengage the combatants and bring an end to the camps anarchy," Mr Berri said.

Both Damascus and Amal, which receives generous political and military support from Syria, are determined to prevent the return to Lebanon of Palestinian guerrillas loyal to Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman. Mr Berri claims that at least 1,000 pro-Arafat guerrillas are already back in Beirut, and has accused President Gemayel of Lebanon of assisting their return.

There was no immediate reaction in Damascus to Mr Berri's call. The Syrians already have about 30,000 men stationed in northern and eastern Lebanon under a 1976 Arab League mandate. They are unlikely to send troops to west Beirut since that would risk confrontation with groups staunchly opposed to a greater Syrian role in Lebanon.



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New security measures thwarted

Violence erupts again at Crossroads as Tutu seeks end to fighting

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Violence erupted for the third successive day yesterday around the Crossroads squatter camp outside Cape Town while Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, was preparing to try to negotiate an end to fighting which has claimed at least 17 lives since Monday.

As the violence continued, the Cabinet was meeting in Cape Town, reportedly to consider whether to reimpose a state of emergency after plans to rush two draconian new security Bills through Parliament were thwarted by the Indian and Coloured chambers.

Pretoria is understood to have wanted the Bills approved before June 16, the 10th anniversary of the Soweto uprising, when widespread disturbances are expected. This appears no longer to be possible even if the Government uses the deadlock-breaking President's Council, which it controls.

The two Bills would give the police even wider scope for summary arrest and detention, and enable Mr Le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, to assume the equivalent of emergency powers in any part of the country he deemed to be an "unrest area".

Conservative black vigilantes broke through police lines yesterday afternoon, and began setting fire to the remaining shacks in the KTC section of Crossroads, most of which

was destroyed in attacks on Monday and Tuesday. Battles broke out between the vigilantes and militant young "comrades" trying to defend their territory.

A police spokesman, Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, said it had not been possible to prevent the attack by the vigilantes, but that the police had been able to disperse the two groups later with tear gas.

In Parliament, the Progressive Federal Party (PFP), the

not partisanship, in group-versus-group confrontations. There has been a torrent of allegations, including eye-witness accounts, that the police have either actively aided and abetted the vigilantes, or stood back while they were allowed to go on the rampage in areas of the township occupied by the "comrades".

Relief workers said yesterday that as many as 60,000 refugees from this week's violence, and earlier fighting at the end of last month, were hiding in the bush.

The freelance television cameramen, Mr George De'ath, who was hacked about the head and body on Tuesday while filming the fighting for ITN, was reported to be in a very critical condition in Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town. His black soundman, Mr Andile Fosi, who was also injured, said their assailants were vigilantes and not "comrades", as claimed earlier by the police.

Mr Fosi also alleged that the police video unit had spent 10 minutes filming Mr De'ath as he lay unconscious and bleeding on the ground, turning over his body as they did so.

Asked by The Times to comment on these allegations, Lieutenant Laubscher said a statement would be issued by the Government's Bureau for Information, but a spokesman for the bureau was unaware of any such statement.

Official Opposition in the white chamber, announced that it would move a motion today calling on Mr Le Grange to resign. The PFP said he had proved himself "incompetent, arrogant and callous", and had caused the police to be seen "not as protectors of life and property, but as provocateurs and instruments of violence".

This had been shown, the PFP said, by the minister's continuing refusal to investigate "daily, widespread and apparently well-founded allegations of police inaction, if



Nuns protecting themselves from the sun during a papal audience in St Peter's Square.

Prospect of US sanctions draws closer

Washington

Tough new congressional sanctions against South Africa are one step nearer after the House Foreign Affairs committee voted by 25 to 13 to back the proposals on Tuesday (Michael Binyon writes).

The Bill would forbid all new US investments in South Africa, stop commercial bank loans and landing rights in the US for South African Airways and prohibit coal, steel and uranium imports. If Mr Nelson Mandela, the black leader, is not released from prison within a year, all US computer companies will have to stop operations in South Africa.

Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, the speaker, said the Bill would "sail through" the Democrat-controlled House.

Pretoria gets warning from EEC president

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

Mr Hans van den Broek, the Dutch Foreign Minister and retiring EEC president, yesterday warned that South Africa was "running out of time" and that the EEC might have to take drastic measures against Pretoria.

In a pessimistic address to the European Parliament Mr van den Broek, who will hand over to Sir Geoffrey Howe on July 1, called on "all influential groups" to take steps to halt the ever increasing violence in South Africa.

Diplomats said the EEC and Commonwealth were both likely to put pressure on Britain to agree to sanctions. EEC pressures will be mounted at its summit in The Hague

Mitterrand concern at television Bill

From Diana Geddes, Paris

President Mitterrand has again expressed "extreme reservations" on two controversial government Bills approved by his Cabinet yesterday: one concerning the privatization of a public television channel, the other immigration.

Virtually every Bill introduced by the new right-wing Government has met with Mitterrand's disapproval. So far, however, Mitterrand has done nothing to block the Government's actions, but that may be because no Bills or decrees have yet come up for his signature.

Under the Audiovisual Bill approved yesterday, a new national commission for communication and freedom is to be set up to oversee standards in television and radio, and to carry out the privatization of the first and oldest French television channel, TF1, which is to be sold to the bidder with the most attractive offer in terms both of quality and price.

The commission, which replaces and expands the powers of the High Authority set up by the Socialists in 1982, will also oversee the redistribution of the licences of the two existing private television channels - channels 5 and 6. The much-criticized contracts with the present operators of those channels, which were drawn up by the Socialists earlier this year, are to be annulled.

President Mitterrand's decision to grant the licence for the fifth channel to a Franco-Italian team caused an uproar at the time, particularly because of the favourable conditions granted to the new channel, and in view of the fact that no other offers were apparently even considered.

The Government has decided that 40 per cent of the shares for TF1 are to be sold on the open market to the general public. Ten per cent will be offered to the channel's employees, and the remaining 50 per cent reserved for the group which takes over the channel. No foreigner will be allowed to hold more than 20 per cent of the shares.

The independent commission, which is to choose the new operator for TF1, will have nine members.

Under the Immigration Bill, also approved yesterday, conditions for entry into France for a long-term stay by foreigners are to be tightened, and the renewal of existing residents' permits made much tougher. At the same time, the expulsion of illegal immigrants or foreigners who commit certain crimes is to be made easier.

Pilots defy jail threat and refuse to fly

Athens

Most Olympic Airways international and domestic flights were cancelled yesterday after Greek pilots refused to work under the Government's mobilization orders, according to which they must work or face jail terms of from five to ten years (Mario Modiano writes).

The state-owned airline's 380 pilots and 120 flight engineers, who are pressing for a 6 per cent salary increase, had threatened to stage a month of wild-cat strikes starting next Saturday.

Mr George Papadimitriou, the Communications Minister, said they would face the same penalties if they resorted to an earlier use of abstaining from food and sleep in order to incapacitate themselves for work on doctors' orders.

Islands claim

Buenos Aires

Argentina commemorated the day of their "affirmation of sovereignty" over the Falkland Islands with a Mass at the military chapel of Stella Maris, attended by the Ministers of Interior and Defence, a congressional delegation and high-ranking officers.

Karpov close

Bugino, Yugoslavia (Reuter)

Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union kept his lead in the Grand Masters chess tournament here with a 13th round draw against Hungary's Lajos Portisch, and needs one more game to win the tournament.

Rabies death

Hamburg

Mrs Ann Vedmore, a 28-year-old woman from Prescot, Lancashire, died of rabies in a Hamburg hospital three months after being bitten by a dog in India, where she had lived for several years.

Cheap hearts

Singapore (Reuter)

Singapore plans to make half-price artificial heart valves costing about £670 for export to the rest of Asia.

Safe landing

Stuttgart (Reuter)

An Aer Lingus Boeing 737 airliner flying from Dublin to Milan made a safe emergency landing at Stuttgart airport after fire broke out in one of its engines, airport sources said.

Twice lucky

Trenton, New Jersey (AFP)

Mr and Mrs Anthony Janeiro, both in their sixties, who separately bought lottery tickets, both won jackpot prizes totalling nearly \$6 million (£4 million).

Welter of propaganda which clouds the debate on Salt

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

President Reagan's decision to break out of the 1979 Salt 2 treaty later this year unless the Soviet Union moves towards a significant reduction in strategic weapons was prompted by repeated US assertions that the Soviet Union has persistently failed to comply with the Salt 2 and other arms control treaties.

Moscow has rejected the US claims and has made counter-charges of its own.

Exactly where the truth lies is a matter for increasingly bitter debate among arms control experts in this country as well as in the US. What is certain is that the accusations made by both sides are not as clear-cut as each tries to make out.

In fact, President Reagan's decision no longer to be bound by the limits of the (unratified and expired) Salt 2 agreement had more to do with political in-fighting between "hawks" and "doves" within his Administration than with any threat to US security posed by alleged technical treaty violations by Moscow.

If, as seems likely, President Reagan does decide to exceed Salt limits when the US launches its 131st B52 bomber equipped with air-launched cruise missiles later this year, it will be largely because Pentagon hardliners want to build up the US's strategic strength beyond the limits permitted by the 1979 accord.

The main American charges are:

- 1 Soviet testing and deployment of the SS25 mobile intercontinental ballistic missile violates Salt 2's provision that permits only one new ICBM for each superpower.
- 2 Moscow had previously informed the US that its new ICBM would be the SSX24.
- 3 The Soviet Union has been encoding messages emitted during missile testing in such a way as to prevent the US from verifying that the Salt 2 accord is being adhered to.
- 4 Some senior members of the US Administration have claimed that the Soviet Union has exceeded the Salt 2 ceiling of 2,200 strategic nuclear missiles and heavy bombers for each superpower. However, the President did not cite this as a reason for his decision to break out of the agreement.
- 5 The US claims that the construction of a big new radar station at Krasnoyarsk is in breach of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty as it has the "inherent potential" to help protect the Soviet Union against a missile attack.

The Soviet replies are:

- 1 The SS25 is not a new missile but a modernized version of the elderly SS13. Modernization is permitted under Salt 2 so long as there is no more than a 5 per cent increase in a missile's throw-weight.
- 2 The Soviet Union denies that its encoding practices are impeding US verification of its missile tests. Encoding is only forbidden under Salt 2 if it hampers verification. Moscow has repeatedly offered to discuss with the US what information should or should not be coded, but this has not been taken up by the US side.
- 3 Moscow has strongly denied that it has exceeded Salt 2 limits on missiles and bombers, a claim which would seem to be borne out by the 1987 military posture statement by the US Joint Chiefs of Staff. Unlike the US, the Soviet Union had to destroy more than 300 missiles in order to comply with Salt 2 limits.
- 4 The Soviet Union says that the Krasnoyarsk radar station, which has not yet been completed, is intended to keep track of its own satellites and not to protect against missile attack, and therefore does not violate the ABM treaty. It retorts that US upgrading of its radar station at Thule in Greenland is in breach of the treaty as the station is not situated on US national territory.
- 5 The Soviet counter-charges are:

The construction of two big new radar stations at Robins Air Force base in Georgia and at Goodfellow Air Force base in Texas and the upgrading of two others at Beale Air Force base in California and Otis Air Force base in Massachusetts are violations of the ABM treaty. This is denied by the US.

Last December's testing of an X-ray laser weapon in Nevada as part of President Reagan's Star Wars space defence research programme was a violation of the ABM treaty. This was denied by Washington, which argued that the treaty permits research into ballistic missile defences. Moscow riposted that the test, which involved a nuclear explosion, had moved the Star Wars programme from the research to the development stage of a new anti-ballistic missile system.

Moscow meat contaminated

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The 500-strong British community resident in Moscow has been warned not to buy meat, especially veal and pork, in local markets following the discovery by French experts that veal on sale in the popular Central Market contained radiation some 10 times the ECC standard level.

The warning, issued in a circular from the British Embassy, has increased concern among the whole foreign community of around 8,500 about the effectiveness of food checks which diplomats have been assured by the Kremlin are being carried out rigorously in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster.

The British warning was followed yesterday by a special meeting at the embassy, where anxious members of the community were invited to question a senior radiation expert whom journalists present were requested not to identify. Many mothers were worried about feeding young children with Soviet produce.

The British circular, also distributed to the Australian, New Zealand and Canadian Embassies, said: "The French Embassy last week analysed a piece of veal bought in the Moscow Central Market and found it contained a radiation level of around 6,000 becquerels per kilogramme for caesium 137, some 10 times the acceptable level recently fixed by the European Community on produce from eastern Europe."

Many other foreign embassies have issued precautionary advice to their nationals here, often on a confidential basis designed to avoid offending the Soviet authorities.

Britons at yesterday's meeting, the first of its kind since Chernobyl, were told that, after considerable persuasion, the Foreign Office in London had agreed to buy monitoring equipment for the embassy to conduct its own radiation checks on Moscow food.

At present, samples of food have to be sent to Britain for analysis.

Five-point plan after Chernobyl

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

The EEC Commission yesterday released a five-point plan of action in view of the Chernobyl accident, and said it would put forward further detailed proposals by the end of next month.

As an interim measure, the Commission wants a network of "mutual assistance" set up, with a centre of information in each member state.

But officials said the EEC was hampered by the insistence of some states that nuclear safety was a matter of national competence, a reference to British and French resistance to supranational controls.

The Commission's five goals are: revision of the Euratom Treaty on monitoring dangerous levels of radioactivity and disposing of waste, with a request to the Council of Ministers to consider an inspection force to ensure health and safety standards; harmonizing safety criteria for nuclear plants, and limiting radioactive emissions along the lines of existing restrictions on industrial pollution; an effective exchange of information on nuclear alerts; initiatives ensuring an EEC voice on international bodies such as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); and funding research into accident prevention.

The Commission said several member states had pressed for post-Chernobyl action, including West Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and Ireland. Ireland is to raise the question of Sellafield when environment ministers meet today in Luxembourg, and will press its demand for an EEC nuclear inspectorate.

VIENNA: The board of governors of the IAEA met yesterday to discuss a working paper recommending that the money spent on safety programmes should be doubled from the present £4 million a year (Richard Bassett writes).

HELSINKI: Instrument error was the most likely cause of the sudden peak in radioactivity measured on Monday night at Kotka in southern Finland, the Radiological Protection Board announced yesterday (Olli Kivinen writes).

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'The terror of the Holocaust should not be forgotten'

Anti-Semitism condemned by Waldheim

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

A hearing Dr Kurt Waldheim yesterday gave his first press conference since winning the Austrian presidential election. Exuding confidence, the President-elect delivered his clearest and most cogent condemnation of anti-Semitism to date.

"The terror of the Holocaust should not be forgotten," Dr Waldheim said, adding that the media campaign against him was "understandable in the light of the horrors of that time". Dr Waldheim said he would visit the site of Austria's principal concentration camp, at Mauthausen on the Danube, in the near future.

Despite attempts by his staff to persuade journalists to address themselves to the problems of Dr Waldheim's future, he faced a barrage of questions about his past.

The disappearance of two British commandos in the Balkans during the war was a recurring theme, although Dr Waldheim insisted that he had never seen a British prisoner of war during the time he was stationed in the Balkans.

Despite the controversy over his past, Dr Waldheim optimistically hoped that he would soon be visiting America, Britain and the other

signatory countries of the Austrian State Treaty.

A number of countries had already congratulated him, he said, and support from the Arab world had been overwhelming. But Dr Waldheim refused to be drawn on what his response would be to Colonel Gaddafi's congratulatory telegram, which praised him for striking a "blow against Zionism".

Dr Waldheim dismissed the threat of demonstrations against him should he set foot in certain Western countries. But he admitted that his lawyers were yesterday meeting officials from the US Department of Justice to present Dr Waldheim's case for not being put on any "watch-list" of undesirable aliens.

"I have nothing to fear and I welcome any efforts to clarify this," he said.

Dr Waldheim was obviously pleased that his election had been followed by the resignation of the Austrian Chancellor, Dr Fred Sinowatz, and he reiterated that he would be an "active" President, although he said it was for the Austrian Government to govern and that his duties as President could only be invoked in an emergency.



Austria's president-elect, Dr Kurt Waldheim, in confident mood at his first post-victory press conference yesterday.

Lawyer seeks to negotiate deal with Marcos

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Former President Marcos of the Philippines is willing to recognize the Government of President Aquino and hand over \$2.1 billion (£1.3 billion) in exchange for an amnesty and the right to return home, a leading Manila newspaper said yesterday.

The Philippine Tribune said Mr Marcos agreed to the

possible compromise last month during five days of talks with a Manila lawyer, Mr Juan David. During the talks, Mr Marcos and his wife, Imelda, admitted to owning assets worth \$3 billion (£2 billion), the newspaper said, quoting Mr David.

A possible arrangement was a 70-30 per cent split of the Marcos assets, the paper said. Using Mr Marcos's figures,

this would give the former leader \$900 million. The Aquino Government has previously discussed a 70-30 split of the Marcos fortune, which it estimates at more than \$5 billion.

This arrangement would boost the country's dwindling foreign exchange reserves, assist the economic recovery programme and avoid protracted court battles, Mr David told the paper.

The Philippine Tribune said Mr David would discuss the possible compromise deal with Mrs Aquino. However, a presidential spokeswoman, Mrs Alice Valladolid, said Mr David was not a government emissary and the offer would probably not be considered.

Mrs Valladolid said ministers were aware of the published reports of Mr David's "self-imposed" mission but had not discussed the matter.

German captives freed by Contras

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

US-backed Contras fighting the Sandinista Government of Nicaragua have released eight West German civilians they had held prisoner for more than three weeks.

The captives were freed into the hands of the Nicaraguan Army 30 minutes after a ceasefire to facilitate their release expired. The West German Government had appealed to the US to intercede with the Contras.

The eight, four men and four women, were kidnapped during an attack on a refugee resettlement project in eastern Nicaragua, where they had volunteered to build homes for peasants displaced by the guerrilla war.

Concern for their safety had grown since Friday when arrangements for their handover to two West German diplomats fell through.

Chancellor Kohl then appealed to President Reagan to use his influence with the Contras to get the captives released. Mr Reagan has just begun a third attempt to persuade the US Congress to renew military and other aid worth \$100 million to the Contras.

Mr Kohl also appealed to President Ortega of Nicaragua to extend the ceasefire to give the rebels a second chance to let the prisoners go before any attempt was made by the Nicaraguan Army to free them.

The Defence Ministry in Managua announced that the West Germans were handed over on Monday evening, 30 minutes after the ceasefire expired. The Contras also released 15 Nicaraguan prisoners.

BONN: The West German Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, said yesterday that the released West Germans were all well and would soon be brought to Managua (Reuter reports).

He also appealed to West Germans eager to assist Nicaragua's left-wing Government to keep out of areas where fighting was raging to avoid a repetition of the kidnapping.

He said it had been the most complicated case of its kind he had known in 12 years as Foreign Minister, and warned that any future similar cases might not end so happily.

Inquiry on shots at Eta man's funeral

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

An official inquiry opened yesterday into a night of violence in Bilbao, in which Eta sympathizers clashed with police after they had broken up the funeral procession of a member of the Basque separatist organization who died in jail.

More than 40 people were injured, including the father and sister of José Asensio, aged 77, the Eta man found dead on Sunday in a maximum security prison, where he was serving a nine-year sentence.

Police wielding night-sticks made pull-bearers put down the coffin in a central Bilbao street and drove off with it to a local cemetery. The burial service was held there yesterday.

As the crowd - most of them supporters of the extreme left-wing Herri Batasuna (People's Unity) party, the political wing of ETA - turned on the security forces, according to eye-witness accounts, two policemen in plain clothes fired 20 shots into the air, claiming that they had to defend a colleague who was being attacked.

The local civil governor, an official representing the Madrid Interior Ministry, had refused to grant permission to the party to parade the coffin through Bilbao and then hold what they called a "homage meeting".

The same official ordered yesterday's inquiry into why the coffin incident occurred, and why the police fired.

"When police blows mean votes" was the succinct comment of a Bilbao daily yesterday. Whatever the inquiry decides, such police action at a funeral right in the middle of the general election campaign has already done the damage.

Before the interrupted funeral, the family of the dead Eta man had announced court proceedings against the prison authorities. They complain that, although Asensio suffered from tuberculosis and had taken part in hunger strikes, he had not received proper medical attention. A prison autopsy found no signs of violence.

Asensio, whose sentence had been for illegal possession of arms, had been due for release for good conduct when he died.

Iraqi minister 'entirely satisfied' with visit to France

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Mr Tareq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, returned to Baghdad yesterday "entirely satisfied" with his two-day official visit to Paris, despite recent French moves to normalize relations with Iraq's number one enemy, Iran.

Commenting on the Franco-Iranian rapprochement, Mr Aziz said: "We respect our friends and we respect their political choices. If our friends wish to establish normal relations with Tehran, that is their affair. We in no way see it as a mark of hostility. There is no cloud in the sky of Franco-Iraqi relations."

Since the change in government in France three months

ago, Paris has been attempting an increasingly difficult balancing act in its relations between Iran and Iraq, seeking to improve its previously markedly cool relations with the former, while not damaging its friendship with the latter.

France, Iraq's most important arms supplier after the USSR, has always taken Iraq's side in the five-year Iran-Iraq war. However, Paris is anxious to normalize relations with Iran in the hope that Tehran will be able to put pressure on the pro-Iranian kidnappers of the nine French hostages being held in Beirut, to secure their release.

The visit to Paris last month of Mr Ali Reza Moayeri, the Iranian Deputy Prime Minister,

marked a turning point in Franco-Iranian relations, bedevilled by three key issues since Ayatollah Khomeini came to power: the repayment by France of a \$1 billion debt incurred under the Shah; the sale of French arms to Iraq; and the anti-Iranian activities of opponents of the Ayatollah Khomeini's regime living in exile in France.

During last month's visit, Mr Moayeri demanded the extradition of Iranians living in France "with blood on their hands", and asked France to observe a "positive neutrality" in the Iran-Iraq war. While Iran accepted that existing arms contracts with Iraq had to be respected, it hoped there would be no new ones.

Mr Aziz declined at his

press conference here on Tuesday to comment on reports that Iraq had recently asked France for more arms.

He also declined to comment on the problem of the repayment of Iraq's huge debt to France, totalling 23 billion francs (£2.1 billion). Iraq has in the past paid part of its arms bill in the form of oil shipments to France, but the recent collapse of oil prices means that the terms of repayment will have to be renegotiated.

Mr Aziz insisted that his talks with President Mitterrand and M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, and other ministers had been "very fruitful" and that he had achieved all his objectives, without revealing what those objectives were.

Asked about the so-called "voluntary" departure from Paris to Iraq on Saturday of Mr Massoud Rajavi, leader of the principal Iranian opposition movement, the People's Mujahedin, Mr Aziz simply commented that Mr Rajavi had been given a warm welcome by Iraqi authorities.

Mr Rajavi, who had been living in exile for the past five years in France, left for Baghdad after a police raid on his home early on Saturday morning.

M Chirac had earlier warned that France could not tolerate the presence of political refugees who abused the conditions of their asylum, though he made it clear that there was no question of France granting Iran's request for extradition.

Mr Rajavi appears to have been preparing his departure for some time. His supporters claim that 1,000 Mujahedin sympathizers, including his own wife, had preceded him to Iraq in recent weeks. French sources put the number closer to 300. Most of the estimated 300 Mujahedin supporters still in France are expected to follow shortly.

Mr Bani Sadr, the former Iranian President, who fled into exile with Mr Rajavi in July 1981, has said that no pressure has been put on him to leave France. Mr Bani Sadr, who broke with Mr Rajavi in 1984 over the latter's growing links with Iraq, condemned what he described as a "disguised expulsion" by the French authorities.



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Hawke warns Australia of harder work and a lower standard of living

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, delivered a nationally-broadcast television address to Australia last night, which was as much a reassertion of his leadership as an attempt to tackle economic problems seen here as assuming crisis proportions.

While the Prime Minister echoed Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, who set the economic debate going in May, he also tried to moderate the alarm caused by Mr Keating's "banana republic" warning, which caught the Government off-balance and created strain in the key Cabinet relationship.

The message — that the nation is living beyond its means — was the same. Speaking forcefully and earnestly, Mr Hawke exercised his vaunted communication skills to warn Australians that a worsening trade deficit meant that they would have to accept a lower standard of living and work harder for it.

The current account deficit has topped £300 million a month for more than a year, and in April stood at £705 million.

The economic policy review outlined by Mr Hawke leaves intact the Government's wage accord with the trade unions, which has brought industrial

peace while making production costs uncompetitively high with most of Australia's trading partners.

But the Government is determined to extract concessions from the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) on delaying benefits from the last stage of the accord, while simultaneously urging manufacturers to increase industrial investment and reducing public spending.

One innovation which might be considered surprising for a Labor administration is the introduction of community service for dole recipients, specifically teenagers. The Government has also promised incentives and assistance for heavy industry and exporters of high technology products.

The Prime Minister's appeal was to national pride. Australians were "great people, with guts", he said. As examples of those whose excellence had won international success he cited Joan Sutherland, the opera singer, John Bertrand, the yachtsman and Robert de Castella, the marathon runner.

To boost a fundamentally weak manufacturing sector, Mr Hawke announced a "buy Australian" campaign, in

which consumers would be urged to look for a green and gold logo on locally-made products.

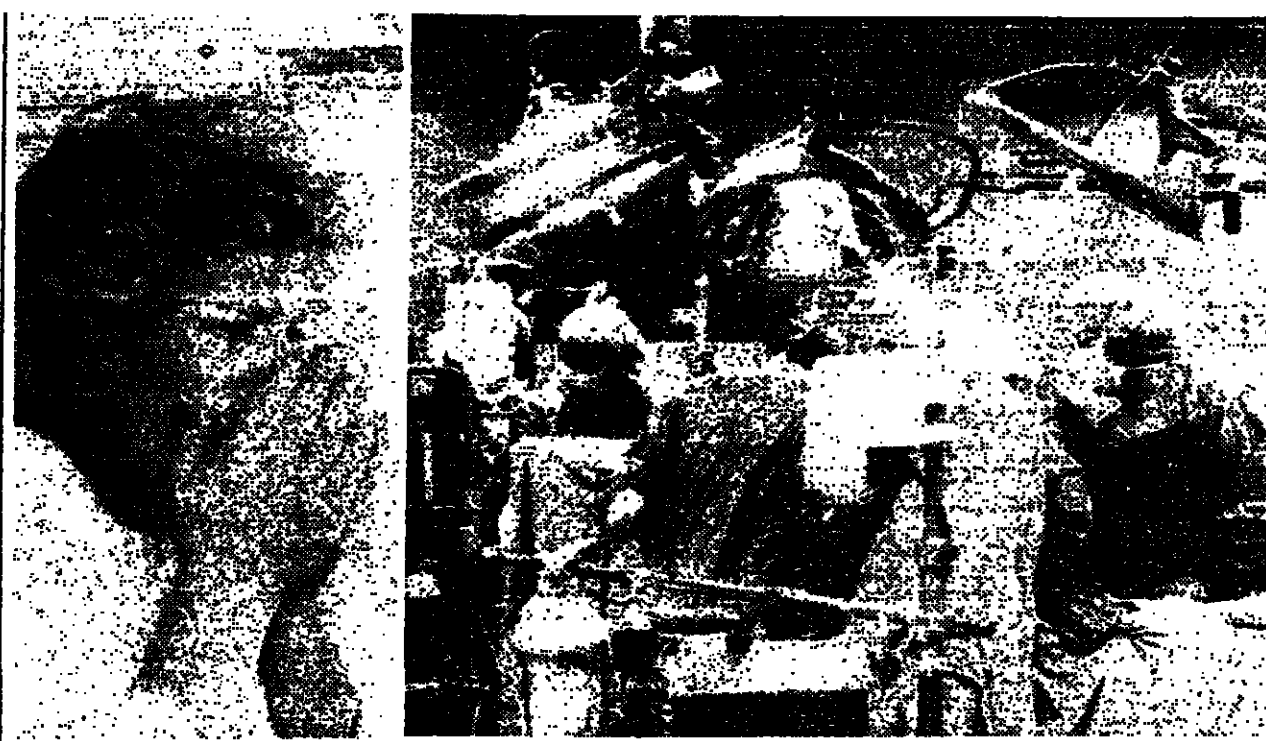
But the focus of the review remains the unions. The Prime Minister said the Government would not interfere with the current 2.5 per cent wage claim before the Arbitration Commission, but would seek to have the 3 per cent national superannuation deal with ACTU spread over two years, and would also want the next national wage deal linked to depreciation of the Australian dollar.

Tax cuts agreed with the ACTU may be delayed beyond September 1, but would still be introduced no later than December 1.

Other initiatives include improving access for foreign investors, where proposals demonstrate positive trade benefits, and streamlining the public service.

The economic debate resumes tomorrow at the annual conference of state premiers. Mr Hawke said last night that the conference would involve tough decisions.

So too, he added, would the August budget, but a spending review had already identified savings of about £500 million.



Deana Binkley in tears as she leaves for the California hospital where her baby son had a heart transplant (right).

Heart transplant baby 'looking good'

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

A new heart the size of a golf ball, transplanted into a baby aged only 17 days, was "beating strongly" yesterday, and doctors were optimistic about the child's chances of survival.

The child, Jesse Dean Sepulveda, had his operation at the Loma Linda Medical Centre after a couple from Grand Rapids, Michigan, agreed to donate the heart of

their brain-dead child. The heart was rushed to the hospital in southern California late on Tuesday.

The parents of baby Jesse, Deana Binkley, aged 17, and Jesse Sepulveda, aged 26 — who, like the donor parents, are not married — were appearing on an American TV talk show when they were told that there was a heart available.

Doctors at Loma Linda said after four hours of surgery that

the child's new heart was beating normally, and on its own.

"He is strong, things look good and he is in stable condition," a hospital spokesman said yesterday.

Doctors said that the new heart was an excellent match for the child, who had been rejected for a transplant last week because his parents were not legally married.

The hospital agreed to the operation if a donor could be found after the baby's grandparents became its legal guardians.

The donor was born in Grand Rapids on May 25, the same day that baby Jesse was delivered by an emergency caesarean section.

The brain-dead child was flown to Norton air force base, just a few miles from Loma Linda medical centre, which is 60 miles from Los Angeles.

Court puts wishes of parents first

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The US Supreme Court has ruled that the federal Government cannot intervene to force hospitals to treat severely handicapped children over the objections of their parents. The five-to-three ruling, which is a setback to the Reagan Administration, said that the Government had no authority to regulate private medical decisions and could not use laws protecting the handicapped to direct hospitals to provide life-saving treatment.

The 1973 anti-discrimination law did not authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services "to give unsolicited advice either to parents, to hospitals or to state officials who are faced with difficult treatment decisions concerning handicapped children".

The court said the parents, not the hospitals, should decide if medical treatment should be given. But the hospitals could still be threatened with a loss of federal funds.

In 1982, an infant known as "Baby Doe" was born in Indiana with Down's Syndrome and a blocked oesophagus, and was permitted to die.

The Administration promptly issued rules to force hospitals to treat such infants even when the parents objected.

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25 years for drug boss

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

The Supreme Court yesterday imposed what is believed to be the heaviest sentence yet for a drug offence in Australia when a man who controlled heroin distribution for a big syndicate was jailed for 25 years with no parole.

James Shepherd, aged 45, was said to have been a close associate of Terrence Clark, head of the Mr Asia drug operation, who died in a British prison in 1983 while serving a life sentence.

Shepherd organized heroin shipments between Australia and Singapore, using young women as couriers. Twelve

former couriers gave evidence about heroin shipments in panty girdles and false-bottomed suitcases.

Mr Justice McInerney said Shepherd had taken control of the Mr Asia syndicate after Clark was arrested in 1978 for the murder in Britain of his deputy, Martin Johnson.

The judge sentenced another defendant, Choo Cheng Kui, aged 50, to 20 years imprisonment. Choo, he said, had arranged heroin purchases in Thailand and organized the packing and collection by the couriers from Singapore.

The age span is demonstrated by a heat in Amsterdam for under 16s, and heats for senior citizens which will include nonagenarians.

The same hands, 24 in all, will be played in all heats. A special scoring system will allow all the results of all heats to be transmitted within a couple of hours of the close of play.

Omar Sharif, the film star and keen bridge player, has an important role in the tournament. The hands are random dealt at the end of play all competitors will receive a booklet showing all of them, each subjected to an expert analysis by Mr Sharif, in English, the official language of tournament bridge.

The French Bridge Federation has played a leading part in organizing the tournament, and results will be announced at its impressive headquarters in Paris. Scores will be fed into a bank of computers and will be classified in order of rank.

The presentation of results, compered by Mr Sharif, will begin at 11pm French time on Saturday.

The world champions, Carol Sanders and Cathie Wei, will also play.

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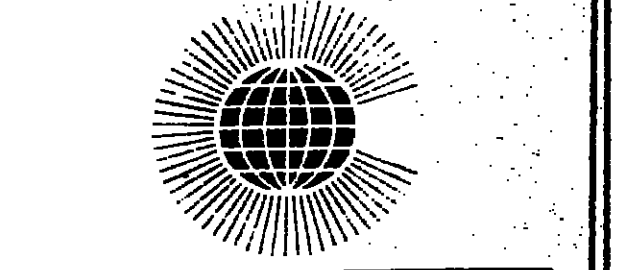
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SOWETO

On the cold and foggy morning of June 16, 1976 — 10 years ago next Monday — thousands of Soweto school-children marched in protest against a government decree making Afrikaans one of the compulsory languages of instruction in black secondary schools. Some sang, some gave the clenched fist "black power" salute, others carried placards proclaiming "Afrikaans is the language of the oppressors" and "if we must do Afrikaans, Vorster must do Zulu".

The ensuing clashes with armed police started a chain reaction of violence which soon engulfed other black townships, costing more than 700 lives, nearly all of them young blacks, in little more than a year. The upheaval marked the end of a period when blacks were more remarkable for their stoic endurance of apartheid than for their rebellion against it: the seeds of the even greater unrest of the past 22 months were sown then.

Much has changed in Soweto since that morning 10 years ago, and yet much remains the same. The overpowering impression is still of the drab monotony of endless rows of identical brick bungalows, bare and desolate open spaces — teased by every gust of wind into miniature dust storms and scarred by the wrecks of abandoned cars — poor roads, piles of refuse at street corners and the lack of tall buildings, pavements, trees and parks.

Even without the added ingredient of politically-motivated strife, Soweto is a violent and dangerous place. Last year, according to police figures, there were nearly 1,700 murders. Social life centres on some 4,000 shebeens (illicit drinking dens) and drunkenness is a major cause of crime. Increasingly, it is difficult to distinguish the political from the purely criminal violence. In one district, nicknamed "Beitru", young "Comrades" gather at night to stomp police patrols, but also to commandeer the cars of other Sowetans.

Soweto — the name is simply an acronym for South Western Townships — is Johannesburg's biggest "location", meaning the segregated area set aside for blacks on the outskirts of towns and cities (there are separate residential areas for Indians and mixed-race coloureds). About 10 miles south-west of the mother city, Soweto sprawls over half a dozen low, featureless hills, covering nearly 40 square miles.

It is home, at a conservative estimate, to 1,250,000 people, two and half times more than the white population of Johannesburg. Zulus are the biggest group among its inhabitants, but every tribe in South Africa is represented there. Despite early government efforts to enforce ethnic zoning, it is a true melting-pot, perhaps the most polyglot, detribalized and politicized black community on the continent.

Large numbers of rural blacks were drawn to Johannesburg from the moment of its birth as a rough mining camp after the discovery of gold in 1886. By 1895 the city had a population of 80,000, of whom half were black, mostly illiterate, unskilled male labourers. Many were

housed in mine compounds. Others lived, along with coloureds and some poor whites, in a slum area on the western side of town.

In 1904, after an outbreak of bubonic plague, the slum was razed, and many of its African inhabitants were resettled on land adjoining a sewerage works at Klipspruit some miles to the south. So Soweto was born. It was not until the 1930s, however, that Orlando East (named after a Johannesburg councillor), was built, the first of the 28 separate townships that have merged to form what is now Greater Soweto.

Stimulated by the demand for labour in war-time industries and by the desperate poverty of the rural reserves, the decisive influx of Africans occurred between 1939 and 1945, when Johannesburg's black population swelled from 244,000 to 400,000. Huge shanty settlements sprang up. In the 1950s and early 1960s house-building proceeded apace, to accommodate both the existing squatters and thousands of Africans evicted from black suburbs of Johannesburg under the newly-defined doctrine of apartheid.

The squalid conditions in Soweto reflected not only a reluctance to spend more money than was absolutely necessary, but also the doctrine that blacks were "temporary sojourners" in urban areas, to be tolerated only so long as their labour was needed. It was a matter of deliberate policy to make life there as unappealing as possible so as to discourage permanent settlement. All the normal amenities of a town — old-people's homes, clinics, orphanages, creches, business, industry, proper shops and recreational facilities — were entirely lacking or severely restricted.

The legacy of the past is not easily undone, but since 1976 important changes have taken place. One of the most striking has been the supply of electricity to all Soweto's 1,070,000 homes. Ten years ago, only one in five had any electricity at all. It is still a novelty, and residents complain about the high charges, but in time it should reduce the use for heating and cooking of coal stoves which, especially in the winter months, smother Soweto in a choking blanket of soot.

Only some 7,000 houses have been built since 1976, compared with a shortage conservatively estimated at 33,000 units and more realistically at 80,000. Nearly all these new homes are in up-market enclaves such as Prestige Park in Diepkloof Extension, populated by the emerging black urban middle-class of lawyers, doctors, and businessmen and conveniently sited close to an entry-point on the motorway by-passing Soweto. Some of the houses, with their swimming pools and car ports, would not be out of place in the plush white suburbs of northern Johannesburg. But it remains a ghetto, "a gilded cage" in the words of one resident.

More than 90 per cent of Soweto's houses are still of the "matchbox" variety. There are two basic types. One, of 40 square metres, contains



As if it was yesterday: the body of a student is carried away during the Soweto school riots 10 years ago

two small bedrooms, a living room and a kitchen/dining room with an outside toilet and cold water tap. The second, covering an extra four square metres, includes an internal toilet/bathroom. The small plots allow some expansion, and in recent years, many residents have been allowed to tack on an extra room. Occupancy averages around 12 per house.

Some 100,000 Sowetans are male migrants from the tribal homelands living in often squalid conditions in barrack-like hostels or lodging with relatives and friends. Soweto is a

dormitory town *par excellence*. Only a tiny fraction of its inhabitants work there.

Most travel by train and bus, but others come in their own cars or mini-bus taxis operated by local entrepreneurs. They spend more than 70 per cent of their disposable income in Johannesburg's shops. Shopping facilities in Soweto itself are improving — four supermarkets have opened there in the last five years — but still cannot compete.

In political terms, the most important change has been the government's recognition of the permanence of urban blacks and the pending abolition of the pass laws. Some 250,000 of Soweto's inhabitants, previously illegal, will, at least in theory, be able to seek work openly without fear of arrest. In 1983, about 82,000 houses in Soweto were offered to their tenants for purchase on 99-year leases at an average cost of about 1,500 rands (£375 at today's rate). After a slow start, some 33,000 have now been sold.

There is still huge distrust of the government's motives, but the growing self-confidence of Sowetans is palpable. The structures of political resistance and organization forged in the 1976 upheaval have kept in check the mindless violence which, in many less developed townships, has filled the vacuum left by the decay of government-sponsored administration. "It may be that our freedom is being won in the Eastern Cape", one Soweto resident said, referring to the region which has seen some of the most violent disturbances in the last few days. "But the future rulers will come from here."

Michael Hornsby

CHRONOLOGY

- 1886: Founding of Johannesburg after discovery of gold.
- 1904: Outbreak of bubonic plague; Johannesburg's blacks moved to area of modern Soweto.
- 1913: Africans barred from buying land outside the reserves.
- 1922: Natives banned from urban areas except to "minister to the needs of the white man".
- 1948: National Party wins power. Apartheid starts.
- 1955-60: Sophiatown, black suburb of Johannesburg, razed and inhabitants moved to Soweto.
- 1965-76: House-building slowed in bid to force blacks back to tribal homelands.
- 1976-77: Uprising by Soweto school-children.
- 1978: Restoration of 99-year leasehold.
- 1984: Riots in black townships south of Johannesburg spread to rest of country; more than 1,600 killed in 22 months.
- 1985: Government recognizes permanence of urban blacks.
- 1986: Government announces restoration of freehold, abolition of pass laws.

Just reward for the jet-age genius

As he sits in his Piccadilly club you could walk straight past him, an unknown man. He is crisp, quiet and wary. His petite American wife, Lady "Tommy" Whittle, walks in from a shopping trip in the London rain. They exchange quiet greetings, just two visitors to London.

But tomorrow Sir Frank Whittle, the jet's inventor, will meet the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street. Eleven days later he is due at Buckingham Palace to receive from the Queen the highest order in her gift, the Order of Merit.

Later that day he will also attend the royal opening of the vast new Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre opposite Westminster Abbey. One of the two main rooms is named after him, the other after Sir Alexander Fleming, discover-

Fifty years after signing the order for the first jet engine, Sir Frank Whittle is in London to receive the Order of Merit

er of penicillin. "At least two of us are still alive", Sir Frank joked. A genius has come home.

Now 79 and living in the United States, Sir Frank invented the jet between the ages of 18 and 23. He has lived to see it create the phenomenon of mass air travel — he flew in by Concorde, "the highest achievement so far" as well as revolutionize military aviation.

It was 50 years ago this week that, as a young RAF flight lieutenant, he signed the order for the world's first jet engine. It was one of the most significant orders in the history of engineering. If Whittle's engine had been pursued energetically and had been ready for the air three years later in 1939, as it could have been, it is certain that the Germans would not have dared to move against Britain and France until the Luftwaffe had at least caught up. How did we miss the chance?

Whittle had his early ideas as an RAF Cranwell College cadet, a working-class boy who gained entrance as an apprentice after a friendly drill sergeant had given him an exercise and diet chart so that his height could be stretched to the 5ft 3in minimum.

First he thought of a propelling jet created by a fan driven by a piston engine. Then one day towards the end of 1929 he saw in a flash that he should swap the piston engine for a turbine to drive a compressor, which would mean just one moving part instead of hundreds. He was just 22 at the time.

Pilot Officer Whittle was summoned to the Air Ministry's scientific research laboratory in south Kensington, where the director, Dr A.A. Griffith, told him that his assumptions were over-optimistic. Griffith did not reveal that he had been working on a project of his own for some years in which the turbine was to be used to drive a propeller. Whittle returned to his squadron.



Sir Frank: "I do not know why we were treated so ruthlessly"

throughout the world, a marvellous example of officialdom giving away secrets while keeping rubbish under wraps.

Throughout the early 1930s Whittle pursued his project in the face of indifference from engineering firms. The Air Ministry sent him to Cambridge University in 1934 to read engineering: "I have always acknowledged my debt to the RAF for my education. I had left school at 15."

German rival had all that he needed

Whittle achieved a First just as he was setting up his own company, Power Jets. With two friends, former RAF officers, he had persuaded a merchant bank to put up £2,000. The Air Ministry allowed him to work as chief engineer and technical consultant to his company for five years "provided always that the work... shall not in any

given to Rolls-Royce, where it should have gone originally. Whittle's ultimate ambition, to manufacture his jet engines, was frustrated when the established aero-engine companies said they would not tolerate competition from a state-funded company. Rolls-Royce led the pack. Power Jets, which founded an industry by selflessly giving its work to its competitors throughout the war, was ruthlessly closed by the coalition Government.

Whittle also founded the US jet industry

Today, Whittle, who lives outside Baltimore, denies bitterness, although he agrees: "We were dealt with harshly. I was awarded £100,000 and given a knighthood, but I felt that the rest of the team should also have been awarded something."

He never again worked on aero-engines, although his thinking was ahead of the inexperienced designers who led Britain into the peacetime jet age: "I could have contributed more. In 1936 I patented the by-pass engine which came into service on airliners only in the 1960s. I do not know why we were treated so ruthlessly." This turbo-fan engine became an American innovation at that time. Whittle had founded their industry, too, when one of his engines was flown across the Atlantic during the war.

With the OM, Britain must be paying its last tribute to a genius who served his country better than it served him.

Glyn Jones
The Jet Pioneers by Glyn Jones will be published next year
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What shall we do about Auntie?

Woodrow Wyatt

Mr Leapman erroneously credits Donald Baverstock and Alastair Milne with initiating hard-hitting political interviews on television in the entertainment programme Tonight, whereas it was an approach first introduced two years earlier on Panorama and ITN. I suppose Mr Leapman was searching for something good to say about Mr Milne, whom he displays as insolent, incompetent, and mightily pleased with himself with little justification.

Though Mr Leapman has wasted space on trivial gossip, about how mediocre men were edged out to make way for other mediocre men in mediocre posts, there is a lot of good stuff here. Stuart Young, Chairman of the BBC, emerges as decent but politically naïf in every sense, and unable to understand or control the menagerie of which he is nominally in charge. I say nominally because the management are always determined to defeat the Governors, whom they despise. "Sodding Governors" is a phrase habitually used by BBC staff.

For the most part the Governors are a nondescript crew, easy victims for most Director Generals and BBC management boards, who have no intention of allowing the Governors to govern, as the Annan Committee on broadcasting in 1977 observed. Nothing has changed. There was an uproar when the Governors broke the convention that they are not allowed to see any programme before it goes out, however undesirable it may sound, by insisting on a previewing of the contentious Real Lives programme. The management then forced the Governors to reverse their original decision that the programme should be cancelled.

As for curbing the growing

THE LAST DAYS OF THE BEEB
By Michael Leapman
Allen & Unwin, £12.95

left-wing bias of the once impartial BBC, the Governors haven't a chance. They are blinded with rubbish about editorial integrity, and accept that the decision on what goes out should be left to the staff, however bad their judgement, and whatever their political input may be.

When the government makes a commotion the Governors huddle together, bleating that the independence of the BBC is sacrosanct, though they have abdicated responsibility for how it is to be exercised.

Mr Leapman is of the opinion that this self-satisfied and inefficient gargantuan bureaucracy, piled up by too much power, should be broken up into bits. A board of part-time Governors, chosen haphazardly for representative and not administrative qualities, cannot run it effectively; particularly when the more or less whole-time Chairman is out of his depth.

Some bits should be sold, with safeguards against newspaper proprietors acquiring them; and some should be run as a public service in smaller units. It is not possible for a rebellious twelve-man board of management (supposedly, but not in practice, the servants of the Governors) who think they are the BBC, to make coherent an organization with a staff of 30,000, producing 6,000 television programmes a year, with 26 "controllers" each asserting his or her right not to be interfered with. I agree with Mr Leapman that the future of the present BBC is downhill all the way.

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BOOKS 2

The heart of great music

Paul Griffiths

THE GREAT HAYDN QUARTETS

By Hans Keller

Dent, £16.95

Hans Keller could never have written a book about music, nor is this to be understood as one. It is, rather, a book into and out of music: a book informed by a depth of comprehension, a reverence for truth, and a closeness of acquaintance suggestive more of religious than of aesthetic experience. For Keller the proper understanding of great music was desperately important, demanding the application of every resource of selfhood. It was also possible to be right, and equally possible to be wrong. Keller's certainty in the present enterprise is as awe-inspiring as the moral seriousness on which it depended.

I doubt that one could be so sure about anything, without possessing a personality as fully formed, lively, and integrated as the structures Keller so admired in Haydn's quartets. In that sense his life's pattern was a sonata form; and it must be a cause for sadness that this book, his most substantial publication, should be appearing after fate dealt him the double bar line last November. Yet it is no trite piety to say that he lives on in these pages.

One is dealing here, though, with the most selfless sort of autobiography. Keller's purpose is not to offer an interpretation of the great Haydn quartets, but rather to steer his readers towards making the correct interpretation, on the basis of adductions that are, he repeatedly insists, purely factual. His potential audience he knows will be small. Though there is no excuse for any of us not to accept the challenge to a deeper response.

The zoology of marriage to a genius

Fiona MacCarthy reviews the candid memoirs of a Mrs Huxley

LEAVES OF THE TULIP TREE

By Juliette Huxley

John Murray, £12.95

Juliette Baillot was the governess of Garsington, the tall, slim, very pretty, shy, severe, and composed Swiss girl first glimpsed in the letters of Lady Ottoline being interviewed at Oxford railway station (First Class Waiting Room of course). She married Julian Huxley after an alarming and precipitate courtship involving much climbing of the schoolroom stairs.

She was green, she tells us, as an unripe apple. The governess's view of Garsington is also the young girl's view, the foreigner's, and this gives it the edge over other more sophisticated summings-up of life with the Morrills. She is quietly receptive, not just to the imminence of Garsington celebrities, surprised when Siegfried Sassoon and Robert Graves turn up in military kilts one wintry day, knees raw with cold. She is good at describing the look of things, the décor of Garsington, the nice domestic details like the roses that went over the copper cans in which hot water was transported to the bedrooms. These were crocheted, in vivid flower patterns.

Handwork, arts and crafts for women, keep recurring in this book. With the benefit of hindsight, after many years of marriage to one of the world's experts in animal behaviour, Juliette Huxley comes to see it as "displacement activity": a human parallel to the grooming, feeding, preening of the animal world, providing relief from emotional tensions. Hence her mother's so intensive bobbin lace-making, on the shores of Lake Neuchâtel. Hence also Lady Ottoline's obsessive stitching. In a scene that reminds one of some Middle English ballad, a vast floral coverlet gets underway at Garsington, embroidered by the chateleine, by Juliette, and by Maria, the refugee from Belgium taken in by Lady Ottoline, whose flowers are red and green. They stitch while Bernard Russell, in a perfect French accent, reads aloud from the *Causserie de Lundt* by Sainte-Beuve.

Julian gets Juliette, Aldous gets Maria. A strange symmetry, and in a way a strange perversion, in the chosen brides of the super-intellectual Huxley brothers, grandsons of Professor Thomas Huxley. Both were

peniless, un-English, ignorant, and very young.

As the study of a marriage that started as it meant to go on, this makes most fascinating reading. Even before the wedding Juliette became aware that Julian's "lovable but complex character" did not include a high degree of understanding of others. She hopefully bought him Sanatogen, but Julian's waywardness was far beyond Sanatogen.

He spent much of his honeymoon by Fresham Pond in Surrey, ensconced in a very small bird watcher's canvas hide, with no space for a companion, watching the Greater Crested Grebes, his speciality, at their rituals of courtship and display.

There are some very rare, unlikely creatures in this book. Axolotls, eccentric tailed amphibians from Mexico, which Julian experimentally injected with thyroid gland, a story that the *Daily Mail* made much of. But none quite so peculiar as Huxley was himself, so wonderful with animals, impossible with humans, whose "curious habit" (as his wife a little over-generously describes it) of compulsively contradicting her in public caused her some distress.

It was terribly hard work being married to a Huxley. "If I were not a man," said Julian frenetically, "I think I should like to be a tug-boat." Manic vision. Juliette was acquiescent, and her kindness made his Messianic transports all the more preposterous. She had a certain practical resilience and doggedness, the legacy perhaps of her Swiss grandfather, inventor of the first washing machine, the *couleuse*. But when Julian went abroad, and left her with the job of calling in at dead of



night to the laboratory at the Oxford Old Museum to separate the mating frogs in mid-activity: so that the eggs should be preserved unfertilized for his experiments, she felt a certain panic. And sorry for the frogs.

She was always beset, through this problematic marriage, by advice from Huxley's friends, by man-of-genius solidarity. Wasn't Julian, after all, a star performer of *The Brains Trust*? The progressive woman doctor she consulted gave advice more to the point: "Take a lover and I will give you the contraceptive." This was Hampstead in the Thirties. It was not a bad idea.

Escapes. Excursions. The joys of ethnographic expeditions, to Africa,

to India, Java, Bali, Thailand, Persia: explorations of whole civilizations, beside which North London household agonies diminished. Julian was one of that odd species of Englishmen who improved in torrid climates. And even nearer home, the Huxley's day-to-day existence had an excitement that to some extent made up for all the incompatibilities.

This is an absorbingly interesting book about the mysteries of marriage, and also about the no less secret bonds of brothers. The enigmatic Aldous, whom Juliette first saw arriving at Garsington from Oxford on a bicycle in 1915, comes and goes in her life's story, finally departing to America by aeroplane, remote and rather ghostly, in 1963.

Out of Africa something true

FICTION

Andrew Sinclair

COMING TO BIRTH

By Marjorie Oludhe MacGoye

Heinemann, £10.95

MINKA

By Richard Collins

Weydenfeld & Nicolson, £8.95

A DANCE FOR THE MOON

By Richard Burns

Cape, £8.95

PATHFINDERS

By Cecil Lewis

William Kimber, £8.95

Coming To Birth is modern Kenya's response to *Out of Africa*. The irrelevance of Karen Blixen's nostalgic recreation of farm life there 60 years ago is made clear in Marjorie MacGoye's novel about a village girl, coming to Nairobi to marry and live through the Emergency of the late Fifties, and the following decades of independence. Life for the poor in urban Kenya is cramped, brutal, squalid, gregarious, and spare. Yet the heroine of *Coming To Birth* survives privation and beatings from her husband, also the loss of her child to a stray bullet, before emerging strong and conscious of herself, ready to bear a child again. Her story is a paradigm of an African nation developing into recognition of its problems without finding a solution to them. Although Marjorie MacGoye is a poet, her language never overwhelms the perceptions of her heroine. She has written a relevant, bleak, and illuminating book that is a worthy winner in the Sinclair Prize for fiction.

In *Minka*, Richard Collins shows his extraordinary knowledge of the Russian world of ballet. He was a member of the Bolshoi Company for many years. This experience has been injected into a plot of suspense, love, intrigue, and defection. Collins tells a story as well as he dances a pas de deux, and *Minka* should have the success of the early Deighton thrillers, or even of *Le Carré*. Yet the author's ambition is greater than his ability. His prose trips over its metaphors, his dialogue is winded by its banalities. Rough peasants may have faces like ploughed fields; pools may be of stunned and glistening stillness; but we do not want to hear it, any more than godlike pronouncements such as, "Making friends is less complex than making love." A good editor could have made a very good book out of this novel.

A Dance for the Moon deals with a mental breakdown after the horrors of the First World War. David Goodchild, a young poet accomplished enough to be included in contemporary anthologies, is confined to an institution, and treated by a psychiatrist who believes that insanity and identity are much the same. The doctor's wife wants to examine the very nature of poetry and its connection with insanity. She has an affair with the poet, and the institution

catches fire. No one is healed. The author Richard Burns is himself a young poet. Unfortunately, he includes in his first novel a dozen examples of his hero's Georgian poetry to prove genius as well as to reveal a mental state. The verses, however, are a pastiche, and expose Goodchild as not skilled enough at his craft. Yet Burns has a sensuous and reflective style of writing, with descriptions of countryside and schools and trench warfare that show him to be a mature and trenchant writer. His homework in history is impeccable, except on the age of the Captain of Chamber at College at Eton. I know. I happened to be one.

Pathfinders is about the Second World War, and the crew of one of the Wellington bombers that led the raids over Germany. As with all the novelists I know, Cecil Lewis is thoroughly knowledgeable. Never have those few been better put into context and fuselage, as they prepared to "fly up and down the valley of the shadow of death, till one by one we fall into it." In this revised edition of *Pathfinders*, first published in 1943, the revision has not gone far enough. The weakness of the novel lies in the extended flashbacks about the lives of the members of the crew as they fly towards their deaths on their mission. Thornton Wilder has a lot to answer for. His characters may have died at the bridge of St Luis Rey, but his techniques lived on to other novels. But *Pathfinders* will fly a reader back to a time of courage, emotion, and restraint. It must be read by those who have not read it before and wish to know why Britain kept on going through its darkest hour.

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A seriously simple specimen of detective story as a fine art

CRIME

Marcel Berlins

A TASTE FOR DEATH

By P.D. James

(Faber, £9.95)

The heart sinks. James's latest is 454 pages long. It is too heavy to read in bed. Its cover is not the usual jolly-sinister drawing that typifies the whodunit. Instead, it has one of those disturbing religious motifs, complete with ambiguous elements that suggests Booklet Prize rather than Chudlo.

The uneasy reviewer has seen these symptoms before. Has P.D. James acquired the *Le Carré* syndrome, the belief that if you can write brilliant short books, writing at twice the length will make your works twice as wonderful? Or has she succumbed to a dose of the Ruth Rendells, an impatience with the traditional crime-novel format coupled with an irresistible desire to describe in detail the inner

workings of a psychopathic mind?

Has James, in short, attempted to escape this column in order to be reviewed as a "serious novelist" rather than as an exceptional writer of crime fiction?

There are few more delightful experiences for a reviewer than to discover his every apprehension, unfounded. Miss James has written an astonishing novel of range and complexity, which is nevertheless also a simple detective story with all the traditional trappings of the genre.

A recently resigned junior minister, Sir Paul Berowne, is discovered, throat cut, in a gloomy church vestry; he lies next to a similarly murdered local tramp. Berowne had

experienced a religious vision; his family relationships abounded with resentments and sexual undercurrents. There was a question of inheritance. And allegations had appeared in a political rag linking him to the deaths of two young girls.

Commander Adam Dalgliesh, widower and poet, is now in charge of a small unit

that investigates crimes that need especially sensitive handling. He has chosen a new colleague, Detective Inspector Kate Miskin, a spunky, tough girl from a deprived working-class background and with slivers of a chip on her shoulder. James is far too subtle to force signs of a burgeoning relationship onto either her characters or her readers, but a few waffling indications are perceptible.

Dalgliesh moves through James's dense human and psychological landscape with his usual moody mix of insight and intellect, Miskin not far behind, and the solution comes with accumulating inevitability rather than sudden shock.

Crime writers are obsessed

either with plot or characters. P.D. James's strength is that she is as interested in her plot-structure as in her cast. She takes no short-cuts with either. The result, in *A Taste for Death*, is that she has needed more room than usual. But there is no ounce of flab—well, perhaps a few tiny grammes—and little padding. It helps that she writes like an angel.

Every character is clearly drawn. Even the cameo parts are full of sympathy. Her atmosphere—whether that of a family quarrel or a deserted church—is unerringly, chillingly convincing. And she manages all this without for a moment slowing down the drive and tension of an exciting mystery.

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The divided Alliance

David Owen's dilemma now is not how to deal with his differences with the Liberals over nuclear defence but how to cope with close Social Democratic colleagues who disagree with the way he has been handling the matter. To Owen, the difference between the positions taken by the two Alliance partners is crucial. To some of his colleagues, it is not.

Owen says that it is agreed SDP policy that Polaris be replaced by another nuclear weapon unless (which is unlikely) the US and the USSR agree such "massive" weapon reductions that it seems right for Britain to negotiate to give up nuclear weapons. Liberal policy, at least as defined by David Steel, is that Polaris should not be replaced unless future circumstances, at present unknowable, require it. Wait and see is Steel's formula for bridging the gap between Liberal and SDP policy.

It is also virtually the compromise position of the commission appointed by the two Alliance leaders to advise on defence policy, and it was to defuse the undermining effect of this on SDP policy that Owen launched his pre-emptive strike against compromise before yesterday's publication of the report.

As a result he is plunged into argument with William Rodgers and Shirley Williams. Both have publicly disagreed with their leader who, they say, speaks for himself and who they hope will modify his position. Roy Jenkins, the former SDP leader, is also understood to disagree with Owen, though he has not yet said so publicly. So three-quarters of the original ex-Labour founding fathers of the SDP risk the consequences of disunity to get their leader to change his approach. Why?

There is, after all, nothing unilateralist in the old sense about any of them. They all fought it in the Labour Party, and defence was one of the issues which stiffened their resolve to leave the Labour Party, even though the primary cause was the extremists' attack on democracy through the party's organization.

What bothers all of them is not what Owen thinks about post-Polaris policy but that he should say what he thinks prematurely, disrupting relations with the Liberals. But why make it worse by voicing their own disagreement with Owen? Why, assuming they share his basic position on defence, and have no sympathy with Liberal quasi-unilateralism, should they hanker after a compromise policy now - particularly remembering their disillusion with the fudging that drove them out of the Labour Party and reduced Labour to the condition in which Neil Kinnock has to endorse Pat Wall as a candidate?

Owen (who unlike Steel has no unilateralist to speak of in his own party) does not only fear that the Alliance in government would be haunted by unilateralism from the Liberal backbenches. He also faces Liberal and some SDP

Keep the defence options open

by William Rodgers

In the United States it is possible to oppose the MX missile without being thought soft on the Soviets. Germans can discuss the feasibility of territorial defence without being accused of irresponsibility. Only in Britain are we stuck with irreconcilable attitudes to defence based on dogma.

The joint commission on defence and disarmament appointed by David Steel and David Owen tried to break down these attitudes - and our report is a good one. It develops the themes of collective security and common security. The first means the proper defence of Britain within Nato; the second, the continuing search for lasting peace based on measures for ending confrontation and reducing conflict. These are convincing policies.

They also have much electoral appeal. The great majority of people recognize that in a nuclear-armed world, Britain should play its full part within a nuclear-armed alliance. But they believe that the arms race must be halted and are profoundly worried by the style of leadership being given to the West by President Reagan.

The report examines two aspects of defence that often produce dogmatic or absolutist responses: costs and changing events. Its

approach to the nuclear question is not unilateralist. Apart from membership of a nuclear-armed Nato, Britain will continue to operate aircraft equipped with free-fall nuclear bombs. But, unless we say that Britain must have its own strategic nuclear missiles whatever the cost and penalty - then there must be a rational approach to what we can afford.

The issue that has produced such excitement is this: when the Polaris missile system comes to the end of its life in the late 1990s, should it be replaced? This is not a question of principle and ought not to be a matter of cost and opportunity - set against the changing international scene. The commission says that Trident should be cancelled as being too expensive and involving massive overkill. The government is whistling in the wind if it seriously believes that Britain can afford Trident now that the defence budget is reducing. The British Army of the Rhine, our maritime contribution to Nato and the air defence of Britain will suffer.

But the decision on whether - and, if so, how - to replace Polaris should be taken only in the light of a thorough and up-to-date review, both of alternatives and the international situation. Arms control negotiations are at a critical stage after years of inertia. Recent events have once again raised doubts about the long-term commitment of the United States to Europe; the idea of strengthening the European pillar in Nato is being actively canvassed. It is surely sensible to postpone a final decision on Polaris replacement while these matters remain in the balance. This is not a fudge. There is no deceit or humbug in admitting an open mind until a review has been completed.

The real fudge is to say unequivocally that Trident should be cancelled but that Britain should remain a nuclear weapons state. The lacuna is obvious: how? The idea of submarine-launched cruise missiles has its supporters. But it was rejected by Labour ministers in 1974 and then by a Conservative government. Most defence experts are sceptical.

If Trident is cancelled in two

years' time, some £2.5 billion to £3 billion will have been spent of the £10 billion budgeted. It is far from clear that the remaining sum would enable additional submarines to be built, new British warheads for cruise missiles to be developed and new missiles acquired, perhaps with French participation, all at significantly less than the cost of Trident. If the main objection to Trident is that we can't afford it, it would be ridiculous to put in its place an equally expensive weapon.

But this itself is a question that only the government of the day, with access to all the classified information, can decide. It is another reason why "whether, and if so, how" is logically consistent. Indeed, logic might point to less dogmatism about whether Trident should be cancelled until the review of international relations and of options is complete.

Certainty is not always a virtue. Nor is conviction itself evidence of truth. The commission's report is not an exercise in evasion and compromise. It sets out a credible policy that both Social Democrats and Liberals should support.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Clean-up campaign

We could soon have not only Mrs Thatcher and Richard Branson demanding we keep Britain tidy, but Ronald McDonald as well. Bob Rhea, the chairman of McDonald's Hamburgers, which has already announced a "substantial" sponsorship of the Civic Trust Awards, tells me the company will give financial backing to the Government's £25 million scheme to rehabilitate derelict areas, if satisfied about its organization. The irony of McDonald's current obsession with urban tidiness is lost on Rhea. When I asked about the burger cartons that land in their thousands on front gardens every evening, he told me: "We just make the things. I'm a Christian. Ultimately, I blame God."

Moral theology

Education Secretary Kenneth Baker, so anxious to link sex with morals in the classroom, might be well advised to take a red pencil to religious studies. In particular, to page 19 of the Oxford and Cambridge Examination Board's new GCSE Religious Studies syllabus. As part of their coursework, candidates are required to submit essays on "personal experiences". Suggested topics for the 16-year-olds of the late 1980s include homosexuality, heterosexuality, fornication, abortion, birth control, polygamy and communes. Nothing about the value of family life, I fear.

Model T

Disgraceful. Citroën has been advertising one of its flashier models, the Leader BX, with a picture of Mrs Thatcher and the headline: "Not all leaders are after your money". Apart from anything else the whole point about Mrs T - ask any wet - is that she wants to tax less, not more, of our money. Now the Advertising Standards Authority has upheld three complaints about the misuse of a British prime minister by French advertisers. "Distasteful," says the ASA, and Citroën has promised not to do it again.

Living on

The botanical and ornithological diaries of anti-Sizewell campaigner Hilda Murrell, whose murder two years ago Tam Dalyell linked to the secret services, are to be published next spring. The Shropshire branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, of which she was a founding member, has edited them and they are now with Collins. One recipient of royalties will be her nephew, Rob Green, whose work as a naval intelligence officer during the Falklands war could, according to Dalyell, have provided a possible link with her murder.

● A postscript to my biographies competition: a reader, slightly misreading the original rubric, suggests *Going for a Gong* - by Bob Geldof.

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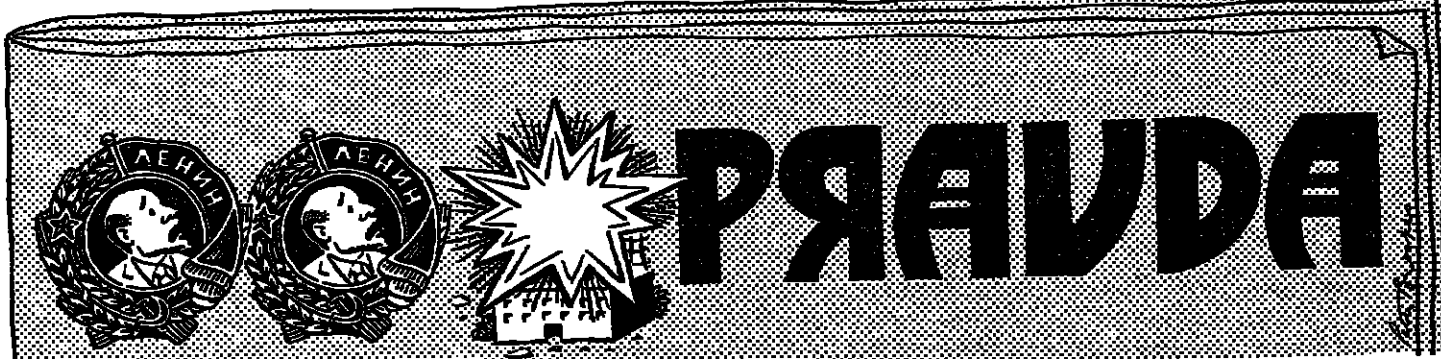
Hammersmith and Fulham's new Labour council is threatening to evict the Tory minority from its office in the town hall. The row arose after Labour filed its nomination for a seat on London's new fire authority too late. As a result, Conservative councillor Fiona McGregor has found herself invited to the authority's AGM tomorrow where, in what is likely to be a close vote, a new chairman will be elected. Fulham's Labour leader, Gordon Prentice, thinks she should resign and has threatened to make her life difficult if she does not. This has merely strengthened her determination to attend. If she does, the nine Tory councillors have been warned to expect the eviction notice in the next post.

Fergie followers

Those Americans who have won free British Airways seats are not the only ones here as a result of a tourism publicity wheeze. A group of American travel writers is at this very moment "following in Fergie's footsteps" in preparation for the royal wedding. Based at the Ritz, their itinerary takes in polo at Windsor; a meal at Claridge's, where Fergie and her dad had lunch before the engagement announcement; shopping at Garrard's (where the ring was bought); Westminster Abbey; the Hampshire silk farm responsible for the dress - and Floors Castle in Scotland, where Prince Andrew popped the question.

Early Gating

Teachers at Mike Gating's old school - the John Kelly Boys High School in the heart of Neasden, just off London's North Circular - are not surprised by his appointment as England's cricket captain. Being a big lad and a "natural" he played for the staff team at the tender age of 13. "He took it like a duck to water," says headmaster Tony Mooney. "He was a perfect pupil, went out of his way to coach youngsters and had leadership qualities." But he wasn't all goody-goody. One teacher remembers Gating refusing to be out after a hard-hit ball rebounded off the bowler's foot and knocked off Gating's balls as he backed-up, out of his crease, at the non-striker's end. The umpire, sprawled on the ground to avoid the ball, didn't see the flukish run-out occur - and Gating backed on.



Mary Dejevsky argues that Russia's reporting of Chernobyl may mark a significant change in media policy

A good disaster for truth

Soviet reporting of the accident at Chernobyl nuclear reactor No 4 has been widely criticized in the West for being out of date, over-optimistic and on occasion simply incorrect. Most of the criticism was justified, particularly immediately after the disaster. But now, six weeks later, the Soviet Union would have grounds for complaining that at least some of its words are not being heard.

For in retrospect Chernobyl may emerge as a decisive component in the media revolution for which the Soviet Union has been waiting. Chernobyl dominates the Soviet media in a way that no domestic bad news has done before. A home-grown Soviet disaster is being recognized as such and reported prominently and in detail on Soviet radio, television and in the Press.

A close - but by no means gnomic - study of Soviet reports concerning Chernobyl over the past four weeks affords a wide-ranging - if incomplete or distorted - picture of the scale of the disaster, in human, scientific and economic terms. Moreover, many reports have been presented with a clarity and absence of ideological certainty unusual in the Soviet media. Three years ago, the then Soviet leader Yuri Andropov turned heads with his blunt statement about his country's economic problems: "We have no ready solutions". Now, a measure of this undogmatic approach is being applied to the Chernobyl disaster.

Soviet television has shown pictures of what it calls the "stricken" reactor, the surrounding landscape, and the emptied towns echoing with silence. There have been broadcast interviews not only with the heroes of the reactor fire and its aftermath, but also with evacuees - some of whom were unhappy about their treatment. The cameras have gone into hospitals and shown mangled survivors of the fire, bald and dazed survivors of radiation. Their words, of course, have been edited, but the pictures have told a different story.

Alongside tales of heroism, Soviet journalists have turned up instances of failed rescue attempts, of responsibilities neglected, of cowardice. There are still, it is reported, more than 400 Communist Party members (the standard-bearers of courage and selflessness in the Soviet canon) unaccounted for. They are missing, it is made clear, not because they perished at any stage of the emergency, but because they fled rather than take part in dangerous rescue work. Young people abandon

elderly relatives; local officials were not at their posts or incompetent to deal with the tasks. In places there was panic.

Some of the most anguished accounts in the Soviet media relate to the evacuation. The formal organization of Soviet society - the documentation required, the restrictions on movement and rigid central planning - probably made the operation easier than it might have been in a Western country. But it was still difficult. Some collective farm workers resisted the order to move. Many insisted they would not go without their livestock. Eventually trailers were provided for the farm animals, but dogs and cats were left behind.

The evacuees were taken to villages and collective farms said to be outside the danger zone and billeted on the local population. There were tensions. People were living four and more to a room in a tiny flat. More than one woman in the kitchen, one Soviet report said, spells trouble. The arrival of so many extra people all at once placed additional strain on the already stretched supply system. People needed clothes, they needed food, they needed money. Often it simply was not there.

Some of the children were sent to the as yet empty summer youth camps. Others found themselves studying on a shift system in overcrowded local schools. Thousands of adults, uprooted indefinitely, had to be reassured: in the Soviet Union, no work means no pay. For most there was a "disturbance" allowance equivalent to the average monthly salary - when it came through.

There have been stories of families separated and unable to

trace each other. There have been promises - hard to fulfil at the best of times - that all letters sent to the evacuation zone would be forwarded. And inevitably there have been people who tried desperately to return to their homes.

Most were turned back; some penetrated the layers of security, to be detained and returned whence they had come with a militia escort. Such details are not part of regular Soviet reportage. Soviet reporting on Chernobyl has still left far too much unsaid. The truth about the number of people evacuated, how long it took and the extent of the contamination has not yet emerged. Some questions, like the long-term effects of radiation on people's health and the prognosis for agriculture in the affected areas, cannot yet be answered, but they are not even being posed. There is also confusion - almost welcome in a country where official certainty is the norm - about how long the danger zone will remain dangerous. Some say six months; others hint that it may be a lifetime. Even such pessimism comes courtesy of the habitually optimistic Soviet media.

But why is it that the breaking of so many Soviet media taboos, as well as the wealth of generally unembellished detail about the Chernobyl accident, is being disregarded abroad? Partly it is because the information now emanating from official Soviet sources is still less - in terms of prominence and accuracy - than would be expected, indeed demanded, in the West. But we are used to information; Soviet viewers and readers are not.

For the most part, however, the Soviet authorities have only themselves to blame for the poor press

coverage of Chernobyl has received abroad. Real changes in attitude have been obscured by many of the characteristic deficiencies of the Soviet media. Once the initial silence ended, Chernobyl was treated as a campaign or a war, and depicted in epic terms. It was made into a myth. The heroes - the firemen whose boots stuck in the melting tar around the reactor, the engineers who tunneled their way to the reactor to adjust the vital valve; the pilots who flew the helicopters to plug the reactor with concrete and sand as the indicators on their Geiger counters were portrayed with all the commonplaces familiar from early Soviet novels. The hyperbole distracted attention from the growing number of less-confident reports.

Soviet accounts have also been devalued by inaccuracies and dissembled facts. There was no panic, the early reports said categorically, only to be contradicted by subsequent, quieter reports. Only two dead, the first official statements said, so confounded as the death-toll inevitably rose. And very early on, the figure for "normal" background radiation in the Chernobyl and Kiev area was significantly raised to a "crisis norm", meaning that all subsequently had to be adjusted upwards several times.

Above all, the Western view of Soviet reporting about Chernobyl was coloured by Moscow's tardiness in admitting the accident in the first place. This error was then compounded by often gratuitous attacks on the Western media for "sensationalist" reports and lack of compassion. These attacks served only to perpetuate stereotypes on both sides.

Chernobyl has fostered change in the Soviet media, and some long-standing taboos - on reporting bad news, on depicting human misery and on making less than optimistic forecasts - have been broken. Many, though, are still in place - for many even for some members of the Soviet journalistic establishment.

The question is whether the greater openness applied to Chernobyl will be extended in time to other topics; or is it an exceptional response to an exceptional situation? Unfortunately, unless the changes that have been made are recognized for what they are, outside as well as inside the Soviet Union, there is a risk that after Chernobyl Soviet journalism will become again its traditional hidebound self.

Can Haughey regain the heights?

Dublin

For the second time in five years Garret FitzGerald finds himself heading a minority administration following the resignation two days ago of a backbencher from his coalition's junior partner. It could hardly have come at a worse time. The outcome of a referendum to remove the conscription ban on divorce is in doubt, and the rehabilitation of Charles Haughey, whom his followers like to call the "real Taoiseach", has been gaining momentum.

In recent months the Haughey publicity-go-round has included lavish coverage of the 60th anniversary of the founding of his party, Fianna Fail, the opening of the unlikely Knock international airport (first backed by Haughey when prime minister) and *Charles Haughey's Ireland*, a Channel 4 documentary said "taken him into" every one of the country's 41 constituencies. In case the faithful miss it, this flattering portrayal, video copies were on sale at Fianna Fail's recent conference.

A general election must be held

before November next year and opinion polls indicate Haughey capable of an overall majority - something that has eluded him in the past three rounds with FitzGerald's Fine Gael.

From electoral defeat in the winter of 1982, through a phone-tapping scandal and then an attempted coup in which 33 backbenchers opposed him as leader, Haughey's fortunes have gradually recovered. By January 1985 polls showed 52 per cent of the electorate behind him. His misjudgement of reaction to the Anglo-Irish agreement, and the challenge of a newly-formed party led by his old foe, Desmond O'Malley, reduced Fianna Fail's support to 42 per cent. It has now recovered to 48 per cent, and he has also regained his personal lead over FitzGerald, at 46 per cent against 44.

Satisfaction with FitzGerald's coalition government has never risen above 35 per cent in the opinion polls. In February it was at its lowest, 23 per cent, two points behind the O'Malley's new SDP-style Progressive Democrats, launched in December. Indeed the

polls suggest that the fortunes of the coalition government (Fine Gael plus Labour) have passed the point of no return, after three-and-a-half years of economic hardship. The government has slowed the slide towards bankruptcy, and inflation is down from 17 per cent to 4.6; but taxes remain punitive, unemployment has risen from 168,000 to 232,256, and borrowing remains high.

A modest liberalization of family-planning law has been followed by a clash with the Roman Catholic Church over divorce. And what FitzGerald sees as his major achievement, the Anglo-Irish agreement, has yet to deliver reforms north of the border, where they matter.

The Progressive Democrats - known as Progs - still look suspiciously like a "Stop Charlie" party. Thanks to proportional representation, they could win enough seats to rob Haughey of an overall majority and provide FitzGerald with another coalition partner. Their blend of right-wing economics and liberal social policies, and an approach to the north much closer to FitzGerald's than

Haughey's, make them a natural ally of Fine Gael.

FitzGerald is determined to complete a full term, hoping an economic upturn will bring him electoral dividends. But above all he wants to ensure that the Anglo-Irish agreement takes firm root. He hopes his co-signatory at No 10 does not make an early dash to the polls. He said: "To put at risk whatever has been achieved for political ends would be absolutely unforgivable."

What if the tide continues to turn in favour of Fianna Fail? British officials remain relaxed about the prospect of Haughey returning to power. Since 1982 there have been occasional mutterings that security co-operation was better under him. And, although he strongly criticized the agreement for "giving everything away" he has been careful not to commit himself about the future. Unless the situation in the north deteriorates drastically this summer, Haughey will find it difficult to repudiate the agreement if it still has the support of the SDLP, the north's main nationalist party.

Richard Ford

moreover... Miles Kington

Permit us to grovel

This week, 320 years after the Great Fire of London, the Worshipful Company of Bakers has finally officially apologized for the fact that it was started by a baker. Like most apologies from British industry, it has come a little too late to be of comfort to those involved, nor was there any offer of compensation for any damage that may have been done by the fire.

Still, let bygones be bygones, say I, and so does the Worshipful Company of Customers - perhaps we might now expect a hint from the bakers that they are sorry about the pale, wrapped bundles of cotton wool that go on sale under the name of bread.

In fact, the Worshipful Company of Customers has gone to the trouble of phoning around a few of the other companies to find out if there was anything they too wanted to apologize for, and the response has been most encouraging. Customers' Hall has kindly allowed me to reprint some of these messages.

From the *Worshipful Society of Cash Register Operators*: "We beg to offer our apologies for the fact that the ink used in our tills is so faint that when you come to examine the receipt you can make out neither the name of the shop, nor the date, nor the amount, only the words: 'Thank You. Please Call Again'."

From the *Ancient Society of Public Advertisers*: "We would like to make our regret known for the advertising fraternity's obsession for punning, so that more and more advertisements are becoming more and more incomprehensible, to the extent that one can see taxi cabs in London with the word 'Genius' written on the side, and one is expected to go out and buy Irish stout on the strength of it."

From the *Honourable Company of Milk Carton Manufacturers*: "We are deeply sorry that when you carry out the instructions to push the wings together to form a spout, everything collapses and you have to get a knife to make an opening."

equally hard to get it started with your fingernail and that when you do, it usually splits as you unroll it. Sorry about that."

From the *Venerable Guild of Inserters of Stray Publicity Material Inside Magazines Which Fall Out at the Most Awkward Moments*: "Sorry about everything."

From the *Ancient Company of Secretaries*: "Sorry, he's in a meeting at the moment."

From the *Worshipful Company of Door Handle Installers*: "We would like to express our regret for the way we put door handles at such a height that they are always getting jammed in your pockets, belt-loops or sleeves as you pass by, bringing you to a sudden baffling stop."

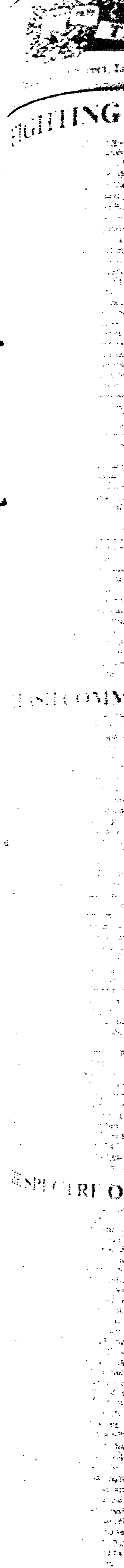
From the *Old Conglomerate of Cashiers*: "We are really very sorry that the position marked Quick Service Till in your bank always has the slowest service."

From the *Honourable Company of Glossy Magazine Publishers*: "Please accept our apologies for the way in which interesting articles are suddenly continued on page 137, and for the fact that no page after about 70 is numbered, also for placing the contents list about half way through the magazine."

From the *Worshipful Company of Brewers of Lager with German-sounding Names*: "Sorry it doesn't taste the same as it does in Germany."

From the *Venerable Company of Personal Stereos*: "all you can hear is a perpetual tick-tikka-tikka-tikka-tikka-tikka... dribbling from his answering machine."

From the *Venerable Company of Sticky-Tape Makers*: "We are fully conscious of the fact that it is not impossible to see where the end of the tape is on the roll, that it is





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FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION

The Commission for Racial Equality says it has evidence of discrimination against non-white soldiers. That evidence takes the form of anecdotes and complaints. It contains allegations of harrowing mistreatment and the failure of military authorities to promote able black soldiers on merit. The Army is said to be unwilling to assign black soldiers to the prestige regiments, notably those which undertake ceremonial duties.

Such charges are serious, and not only because discrimination is unlawful. If they have even a vestige of truth, they prompt more general concerns. One is about how a professional military force should operate. Social distinctions certainly exist and are perhaps ineradicable in a hierarchical organization. But merit, including the ability to lead, should be the only criterion for promotion. Indeed, it is the only criterion that will produce an effective machine for war. Skin colour ought to be irrelevant.

Another consideration is lost opportunity. Successful black professionals are models of achievement to a group of British citizens who badly need such encouragement. Successful black soldiers should be role models while in uniform; they are likely to provide a levelling in the black community upon their retirement. Evidence from the United States points to the great potential of a professional army for educating and integrating racial minorities. The army equips them for civilian life, not as an act of social service, but as part of the

regular business of peacetime soldiering.

The Commission's interest in these complaints is a legitimate one. But it has, it must be said, expressed its interest in a rather odd way: it collaborated with a Sunday newspaper in an article which had the character of a general exposé of the Armed Forces when the evidence referred to individual cases.

This was unorthodox. But the Commission is reduced to anecdote because its powers of investigation are unclear. It cannot investigate general patterns of discrimination. It is restricted to following up individual cases in narrow response to a specific charge of discrimination. Last year it asked the Home Office to amend the Race Relations Act to clarify and extend its powers. Those proposals have been left in limbo for the months since because the Government has been reluctant to tackle what Home Office ministers evidently think is a ticklish issue.

They almost certainly fear that it would excite racial prejudice in the general public. They may be impressed by classical liberal arguments against giving state bodies excessive powers of investigation that could lead to harassment of individuals and small firms. They may finally feel that some members of the Commission's staff lack the spirit of judicial impartiality that should inform such delicate investigation.

In short, Ministers are unsure both about race policy and indeed about the existence of the CRE itself. But while the

CRE exists and feels its powers to be unsatisfactory, it will be tempted to shoot from the hip. Making more powers available to the CRE would be one answer — but that should be contingent upon the Commission's ceasing to regard its role as that of a prosecuting attorney.

Meanwhile, the state sector is in least need of protection against official harassment by bodies like the CRE. Yet, paradoxically, the legal capacity of the CRE to investigate another branch of government is at present most uncertain. What is wanted, first, is factual evidence about patterns of recruitment. The Civil Service has accepted this. It has in train a series of regional surveys which will, eventually, provide a picture of recruitment and promotion within Whitehall and the outlying departments of government.

The stated purpose is not to impose quotas or statistical parities — and, if necessary, there should be reassurance on this point — but to make certain that the State as a major employer knows whom it employs. It should regret any failure to recruit able West Indians or Asians as clerks or administrators, or police officers or soldiers then to train and promote them on their merits.

There is therefore a good case for the Ministry of Defence itself to undertake at the least a statistical survey of the ethnic origin of military personnel, in parallel with the Civil Service at large. Angry denials that racial discrimination exists within the Armed Forces are really not enough.

GOULASH COMMUNISM STILL PLEASES

A year ago a Soviet-Hungarian summit in Budapest would have been a meeting of the two success stories of the Eastern bloc: Hungary, the bloc's star economic performer, playing host to Mikhail Gorbachev, the bloc's media star. When the meeting took place this week, however, the shine on both stars was looking a little tarnished.

While Mr Gorbachev's public image has suffered from his prevarication over a second superpower summit and the Chernobyl disaster, Hungary has for many months now been the subject of gloomier economic forecasts: its growth rates have been lower than hoped for, the rise in living costs has outstripped salaries. As a result, the Soviet-Hungarian summit saw less public celebration and mutual congratulation than it might have done at an earlier date.

Hungarians generally have shown a curiously ambivalent attitude to the year-old Soviet leadership. On the one hand, there was optimism — reflected even this week in official Hungarian comment on the Soviet leader's visit — that a younger, more dynamic leader in the Kremlin would, at best, generate welcome change throughout the bloc along the decentralizing, market-oriented lines favoured by Hungary. At worst, Hungarian optimism extended to the

hope that Moscow would approve the economic course Hungary had chosen, even if it was not to be the model for the rest of the bloc.

But there was also trepidation in Hungary about the implications of the Gorbachev leadership. The Soviet leader inaugurated his accession by calling all members of the Warsaw Pact together and stressing the need for absolute unity. To Hungarians this placed in doubt their continued pursuit of links with Western Europe — links they had cultivated during the period of weak Soviet leadership before Gorbachev. It also threatened their minor economic miracle, for how was "absolute unity" to be interpreted if not as a call for more ideological uniformity?

Some of Hungary's fears seemed to be borne out very early on, when Moscow sent Grigori Romanov, an ideological hardliner out of favour with the Gorbachev leadership, to their Party Congress. Even Romanov's demise, when it came, was read two ways in Hungary. The fall of an ideological enemy was one thing, but was Hungary's status within the bloc so low as to warrant a visit by so dubious a member of the Soviet leadership? What sort of approval was that?

Hungarians also read with concern the Soviet calls for

better economic co-operation within the bloc, and the forms it was supposed to take. More joint ventures meant, to Hungarians, a greater flow of Hungarian wealth to the East. More socialist division of labour and a higher level of specialization within the bloc meant greater dependence on the other East bloc countries where standards were generally lower.

This week's meetings in Budapest between Hungarian leaders and Mr Gorbachev may have put more alarmist Hungarian minds at rest. Mr Gorbachev likes success, and in Soviet terms, Hungary still looks successful. If it contrives to remain so, it is likely to have a relatively freer hand to manage its affairs than its less successful neighbours. The orders to change have not come — yet.

But the rather subdued nature of the Soviet leader's visit and the relative complaisance of Soviet official statements suggest that many questions remain about Moscow's attitude to its East bloc allies, and much mistrust. The policy signals from the Kremlin on Eastern Europe are still mixed. And much as Hungary has gained from the last few years of *laissez faire* from Moscow, so it has much to lose — perhaps more than any other country in Eastern Europe — from decisive change.

THE SPECTRE OF UNSOUND MONEY

The present rate of monetary growth is unquestionably embarrassing to the Government. A bare three months from Budget day, the Chancellor's target for broad money — the definition known as Sterling M3 — has been made to look ridiculous. This target was set generously wide, to allow for monetary growth at a pace we have not seen since 1981. But its upper limit was 15 per cent, and Sterling M3 is presently growing at a rate of 19½ per cent.

The embarrassment is all the greater in that last year's target for Sterling M3 had to be abandoned halfway through the financial year. In fixing a new one for 1986-87, one must suppose the Chancellor to have had some purpose. In an explanatory speech in April, he argued that Sterling M3 had the advantage of "familiarity". It is a familiarity that seems to have bred contempt.

This week's excessively bad money figures may delay the interest-rate cuts on which the Chancellor has set his heart. Understanding this, the financial markets marked sterling up. One cannot, however, pretend that the Sterling M3 target acts as a real monetary discipline. The Chancellor is making no immediate attempt

to haul the figures back within range.

A special report, published yesterday by the Treasury, lists excuses. Financial innovation makes the growth of broad money both rapid and unpredictable. High interest rates have increased people's desire to hold money on deposit, rather than acquire assets which do not feature in the monetary aggregates. Although these bank deposits are "liquid" — easily available to spend — they need not pose an inflationary threat if their holders view them more as a form of savings.

There is an uncomfortable echo of the early 1970s in this increasing overhang of nominal spending power. Yet the various markets in which one would look for early warning signals do not conform to a similar pattern of danger — at least not yet. Pay has certainly been growing at an inflationary pace, but it has not been accelerating. Housing prices have risen rapidly in London, but nationwide there are no signs of a seventies-style explosion. The stockmarket has evinced its own peculiar, merger-mad form of overheating, but there has been some recent correction. And, in marked contrast to the early 1970s, commodity prices have

been dramatically weak.

But this cardboard of judgement needs to be underpinned by monetary rules. The Chancellor has failed to provide them. He now favours a narrow measure of money, as a useful early indicator of the rate at which nominal national income is growing. Yet this relationship, too, is a matter of judgement, experience with Sterling M3 should warn against picking yet another set of targets that can then be abandoned with equal insouciance.

Mr Nigel Lawson has, of course, been circumscribed by his prime minister's refusal to accept the discipline of exchange-rate management in the European Monetary System. On Tuesday, Mrs Thatcher made plain her reasons for staying out. She wishes to leave open the option of "taking the strain" of financial pressures on the exchange rate, particularly during the run-up to the election. That means allowing the pound to fall rather than swallow the bitter medicine of higher interest rates. This is not an option Mrs Thatcher could afford at a time of rapid monetary growth. Never has the Prime Minister sounded less like the advocate of sound money.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Indignation at school closures

From the Reverend Paul Nicolson
Sir, During May the House of Lords discussed, without a division, amendments to the Education Bill to regulate and to open up the procedures through which the local education authority presents proposals to close schools to the Department of Education and Science. The DES considers them; the Secretary of State decides to accept or to reject them and to require him to announce the reasons for his decisions.

Governors and parents who object to the closure of their schools are at a disadvantage if they do not have sight of the LEA's case as it is presented to the DES and do not know which documents, what questions and replies and what response to their objections are passing between the two.

In the Lords' debate the Government's answers to the amendments focused on the Local Government (Access to Information) Act which is not relevant to the proceedings at the DES. It is only relevant to the LEA's decisions. When it comes to considering proposals to close schools the DES has discretion to do what it likes.

Assurances were given at that time that the Secretary of State refers to the objects matters raised by an LEA about which the objects have not been consulted, and that he encourages the LEAs to send to the objects a copy of an LEA's response to their objections. It would be better if these assurances became law, but no indication that the Government will do this was given in yesterday's Commons debate.

Five double-decker bus loads of

High Wycombe school governors, parents and children recently lobbied Parliament to express their indignation to Sir Keith Joseph, when he closed three local schools covering 1,500 children without their consent for rejecting their well argued cases.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL NICOLSON,
The Vicarage,
Turville,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
June 6.

A 'Christmas tree'?

From Mr Alan Haselhurst, MP for Saffron Walden (Conservative)
Sir, When the amendment to the Education Bill to prohibit political indoctrination in schools was tabled for debate in the Lords your editorial (May 20) welcomed it as "A vote for education". You opined that "no-one who favours education could oppose the intention behind the amendments".

How curious, inconsistent even, to find that under the heading "A hasty clause" your editorial today (June 4) claims that the Education Bill has now become a "Christmas tree festooned with irrelevant bits and pieces when the House of Lords introduced a hasty clause on sex education with scant concern for context or consequence".

The irony is that the clause used by *The Times* to disparage the sex education clause, with which you disagree, actually resemble those used by critics to disparage the political indoctrination clause, which you evidently support.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN HASELHURST,
House of Commons.
June 4.

The hippy convoy

From Mrs Judith Verity
Sir, I am most concerned at the one-sidedness of most of the media coverage of the progress of the "hippy caravan" in the New Forest and the degree of prejudice that this minute and relatively harmless proportion of the population appears to evoke.

Vast amounts of extremely expensive police time is used in unecessary harassment of these travellers, apparently with the aim of rendering them totally dependent on the State for unemployment benefit and probably very costly bed and breakfast accommodation in one of our already overcrowded big city slums.

Why can the Government not instead simply provide a series of sites throughout the country for their use? I know our island is small, but it must be possible to set aside some patches of land for the use of people who do not wish to "put down roots". This way of life used to be acceptable and those who pursue it are actually more likely to be self-supporting by the occasional and seasonal work they are able to take than the city-dwelling unemployed.

The most frightening aspect of the whole issue is the lack of tolerance in our society to alternative lifestyles. I write from the standpoint of the archetypal conservative middle-class woman, I am married with children and run my own secretarial agency. I have a big stake in the structure of society as it stands, but the attitudes towards these people has worried me deeply.

Hotel training

From Mr P. Henderson
Sir, Lord Young has said that tourism is a growth industry, and also that the Government want to reduce bureaucratic burdens on small businesses. If he really means this, he should scrap the Hotel and Catering Training Board.

The HCTB is a leftover quango which taxes hotels and restaurants 1 per cent of wages if the payroll is more than £70,000. Most of this is "exempted" if the business keeps written records of training actually carried out. The board also offers training courses to the industry, but the cost of providing these courses is more than twice the income raised from them.

In the last nine years, Gidleigh Park has created 30 jobs in central Devon. We consider the HCTB at best irrelevant to our needs, because their training standards are so much lower than our requirements, and at best a considerable bureaucratic nuisance.

This board claims that it helps the industry. We and almost all of our colleagues running small hotels want to see the back of them, or at least to see the payroll limits at which the tax is imposed raised from the current £70,000 to £300,000 or more.

It is particularly ironic that a board which claims to be representative of the industry consists of only three hoteliers, two from large chains, and one restaurateur, a few sundry academics and consultants, and seven officers of large trade unions.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL HENDERSON,
Gidleigh Park,
Chagford, Devon.
June 8.

On the verge

From Mr David G. Street
Sir, Those who make dandelion wine know that the best time to harvest the dandelions is on a bright sunny day when the flowers are fully open. And the best vintage is gleaned from an open meadow — never the roadside verge unless one likes the wine to have a petrol-cum-exhaust flavour.

To answer Mr C. Hart's question (May 31) dandelions grow in greatest profusion on the verges — to escape the predatory makers of fine wines.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID G. STREET,
Spring Waters,
St Harmon, Powys.
June 3.

Too many books

From Mrs F. M. S. McDonald
Sir, When I recently telephoned our suppliers to enquire why we had been overcharged by double on one of our orders, I was pleased to be asked to give the title of the book in question. It was *Unjust Enrichment*, by George B. Klippert.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCES McDONALD,
Assistant Librarian,
The Library,
New College, Oxford.
June 10.

Family breakdown

From Mr George G. Brown
Sir, There is an important omission from the premise on which the Lord Chancellor's consultation paper on family courts is based. Nowhere is there any recognition of the facts that in the past 15 years the number of divorces has in round terms trebled, that the rate of increase in this country is the highest in Europe and that, in consequence, there are clear signs of national moral decay.

This omission means, first, that insufficient attention is likely to be given to the administrative strain which is already imposed on the divorce county courts and second, that the purpose of family courts is unlikely to receive proper and balanced consideration.

The purpose of a family court must be to promote the stability of family life and to resolve familial problems with the minimum of stress, unpleasantness and lasting damage.

As the General Synod Marriage Commission said, "with the possible exception of the limited funds channelled to marriage-guidance counselling agencies, there is next to no sign that Government values marriage as an important social institution".

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE G. BROWN,
2 King's Bench Walk,
Temple, EC4.

Customs curbs on export trade

From Mr H. N. Best
Sir, Your report today (June 3) about the seizure by Customs of a car used, without the knowledge of its owner, for carrying drugs serves to draw public attention to the extraordinary power of Customs officers.

This is often combined with an apparently imbecile insensitivity, summed up well by the statement: "Any vehicle is liable to be seized if it is used in smuggling. It does not matter if the owner was unaware the vehicle was carrying the goods."

Responsible as I am for managing two speciality metals businesses, one of which has twice won a Queen's award for export achievement, I am often struck by the way some government departments officially encourage export trade while Customs officiously set out to make it as difficult as possible. Let me give two recent examples.

A container of aluminium alloys was held up for over a week at Southampton, thereby missing its ship and arriving several weeks late at its ultimate destination, simply because the (irrelevant) tensile strength was not declared, even though we had made literally thousands of similar shipments in the past. There was no apology for the error.

Then a small shipment of ferro alloy was seized in London because no export licence had been applied for. Nobody in the firm knew this was necessary. The matter was quickly put right and Customs have now offered us the choice of paying £500 or being taken to court for breaking the law.

To these examples can be added the continuous problems of importing small quantities of special and essential raw materials, when Customs officials seem automatically to put the documents at the bottom of their "in" trays, causing delays of a week or more for which again there is never even a hint of an apology.

The power of Customs is in fact so great that many people are reluctant to complain for fear of reprisals. There is a theory around that the existence of the European Community reduces the need for Customs officers; to which the said officers are responding, in the time-honoured way of public servants under threat, by finding unnecessary rules to apply.

Yours faithfully,
H. N. BEST,
Bank House,
Goldford Lane,
Bickerton,
Malpas,
Cheshire.
June 3.

Ordination of women

From the Rev Dr E. L. Mascal
Sir, Canon Alan Wilkinson's letter on the ordination of women in your issue of June 3 provides a luminous example of the difficulty of getting a serious theological issue discussed as such and not as a matter of social convenience and conformity.

Hard as it is to persuade feminists of this, there are profound arguments against female priesthood which arise from the actual way in which God has provided for the redemption of the human race and behind that to the very nature of the human race as male and female. This has nothing to do with male chauvinism, so far from implying that the female sex is inferior to the male, it implies that in many respects it is superior.

Canon Wilkinson's reference to Anglican rethinking about contraception is a skillful irrelevancy. We all know that an Anglican synod could make a mistake; it will make another if it goes ahead with ordaining women.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
E. L. MASCAL,
30 Bourne Street, SW1.
June 3.

Children's diet

From Dr Louise Graham
Sir, Professor Marks (June 2) recklessly compromises the health of our children by advocating unrestricted consumption of sugar and saturated fat.

The enormous amount of media coverage given to his mischievous remarks, made to the World Sugar Research Organisation, corresponds to the eagerness of parents to clutch at any straws which will reassure them that they can carry on poisoning their children with junk foods. No parent wants to feel guilty.

For each underweight child in the "meatless belt", there are thousands who, under a mountain of fat, are suffering from malnutrition due to the overconsumption of sugar and white flour.

Yours faithfully,
LOUISE GRAHAM,
64 Lansdowne Road, W11.
June 9.

Reserved occupation

From Mrs P. M. Grayburn
Sir, I was interested to see the post of Director of the Solicitors Complaints Bureau advertised in your columns on June 3, with its stipulation that "some working experience of the complaints industry would obviously be to great advantage".

Is this a service or a manufacturing industry?

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA GRAYBURN,
Farley House,
Albury, Guildford, Surrey.
June 5.

ON THIS DAY

JUNE 12, 1903
King Alexander of Serbia (1876-1903) succeeded, as a minor, to the throne on the abdication of his father, Milan in 1889. In 1893 he ejected the regents and was not long in establishing a despotic rule. In 1902 he married his mistress Draga Masin, thereby increasing his unpopularity. He finally estranged all political parties who welcomed the coup d'etat of the military.

MURDER OF THE KING AND QUEEN OF SERBIA. A MILITARY REVOLUTION.

COLOGNE, June 11
Telegram despatched to the *Cologne Gazette* from Belgrade this morning says: "Bands of young men are parading the streets waving flags and crying: 'Long live Karageorgevitch!' From nearly every house flags are flying, but there is no display of crops in sign of mourning. The Royal Standard is no longer flying from the Palace."

"The bodies of the King and Queen and the rest of the dead will be placed in plain coffins today. The King will probably be buried in the Convent of Rakovza, while the others will be laid to rest in the local cemetery."

"The Skupshtina and the Senate will on June 15 sanction by formal election the army's proclamation of Prince Peter Karageorgevitch as King. Great crowds are thronging the streets demonstrating in favour of the new Government."

"Early in the morning officers galloped through the city, shouting from the saddle that King Alexander and Queen Draga had been shot. Queen Draga is said to have received numerous bullet wounds. It is related that the bodies of the King and Queen were placed in shrouds and led down through a window into the Palace gardens, where they were immediately placed on a baggage wagon. The Queen's two brothers were also shot in the Palace. I have just heard that Queen Draga's three sisters are alive..."

BUDAPEST, June 11

The Budapest *Hirap* gives the following account from Belgrade of the coup d'Etat there: "A company of troops broke into the Konak and assassinated the inmates as they hurriedly left their beds. The assassins appear to have met with great resistance on the balcony side of the Palace, where curtains are torn down and windows are broken. Probably the occupants tried to escape that way. In the small garden in front of the windows of the Konak gloves, soldiers' caps, and torn articles of clothing lie scattered."

"Two guns are now mounted in front of the Konak, and the troops garrisoning the Palace are being liberally treated with wine from the Royal cellars. In the Ministers' Palace a council is being held. As Lieutenant Mischitch, who led the conspirators, left the Palace he was greeted by the crowd with cheers, and a military band blew a fanfare. The demeanour of the people is quiet, and no indignation at last night's assassination is manifested. The late Queen is even now, after her tragic fate, spoken of in terms of abuse..."

BERLIN, June 11

A telegram from Semlin on the events at Belgrade published by the *National-Zeitung* says: "The leader of the military assassins was Lieutenant-Colonel Mischitch, of the 6th Infantry Regiment, who himself murdered the Queen. The latter, together with her brother and sisters, was struck down with an axe and killed. The King was shot. The Queen died at once, but the King lived a few minutes after the fatal shot was fired..."

VIENNA, June 11

What purports to be an official explanation of the murder of the King and Queen of Serbia has been issued at Belgrade. It tells the following story: "After dinner on Wednesday evening the King and Queen with their relatives and several Ministers, were sitting on the balcony of the Palace, when suddenly the King demanded of Queen Draga that she should leave the country. She refused, and in so doing was supported by certain of the Ministers present. When the King saw that his commands were thus opposed he ordered the military to occupy the Palace. Meanwhile, however, the Queen's friends had also been active and had collected their supporters. A fight occurred between the two factions, and in the course of it the King and Queen were killed."

Half the page facing the above news is devoted to an advertisement for the Encyclopaedia Britannica displaying extracts from its pages on Serbian history and biography; the headlines to it are about three times larger than those of the news pages. The text points out how the E.B. "will answer the questions which the news of the day presents." The publisher says, "this, the tenth edition, was the *Times* from whom the 35 volumes could be bought for one guinea [105p] and thereafter 27 monthly payments of the same sum."

As she spoke

From Mrs Christine Brinkley
Sir, I am interested to read of the reforms in modern language teaching, with a new emphasis on the use of language. As a lecturer in Italian I have recently been perusing the new GCSE Italian syllabus and find that instructions to the student include the following sentence: "You and your host family are sat watching the television."

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINE BRINKLEY,
30 Queensway,
Banbury,
Oxfordshire.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 11: His Excellency, Mr Leonid Zamyatin was received in audience by the Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics to the Court of St James's.

Having been received by the Mayor of Camden (Councillor Mary Cane) and the President, Royal College of Physicians (Sir Raymond Hoffenberg), Her Majesty toured the precinct, viewed various exhibitions of work and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Glamorgan in the Royal Train this morning. Her Royal Highness subsequently opened The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Viscountess Campden and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

OBITUARY MR FRANK COUSINS

Outspoken champion of the trade union left



Mr Frank Cousins, PC, who died yesterday at the age of 81, was general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union from 1956 to 1969, and as such played a leading role in the labour disputes of that time, as well as in the internal controversies of the union movement and the Labour Party.

His devotion to his union and to socialism, as he understood it, were never in doubt. If his convictions differed from those of the general secretary of the TUC or of the Leader of the Labour Party, he was rarely prepared to modify them.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. J. F. North and Miss C. P. Morgan. The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Geoffrey Ford North, of Colleton Hall, Tiverton, Devon, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Barrow, of Gustard Wood, Wheatthampstead, Herefordshire.

Cousins bids farewell to the TUC at Portsmouth in 1969

For two years, from 1964 to 1966, Cousins joined the Labour Government as Minister of Technology. But it was not a happy period for him, since he never really took to the House of Commons, and on resigning over the wage freeze of July, 1966, he returned to the TGWU.

Marriages

Dr B. MacGregory and the Hon Catherine Shaw. The marriage took place on Saturday, June 7, at Brompton Oratory, of Dr Brian MacGregory, elder son of the late Dr Brian MacGregory and of Mrs MacGregory, of Onslow Square, SW7, and the Hon Catherine Shaw, second daughter of Lord and Lady Craigville, of the Boltons, SW10.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

ANDERSON - On June 10th, peacefully in hospital, Ruth, wife of the late John, deceased, mother of Alan and Sheila and the late Robin. Greatly loved by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Cremated privately. Memorial Service at 3.00 pm, on Wednesday, June 10th, at St. Andrew's Church, Colchester. Flowers in lieu.

Service reception

Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Association. The annual reunion of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Association was held yesterday at Army House, Brigadier C. J. S. Sherman received the guests who included General Sir John Hackett.

Dinners

Anglo-Swiss Society. The Swiss Society of the Anglo-Swiss Society and the Club of the Swiss Society were hosts at a dinner and dance held last night at the Hurlingham Club.

Service dinner

RNR Officers' (London) Club. Prince Michael of Kent was the guest of honour at the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' (London) Club ladies night summer dinner held at the Naval Club last night, Captain F. Ashe, Lincoln, QC, RNR, presided.

Soiree

Fellowship of Engineering. The Duke of Gloucester, the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire and other guests were received yesterday evening by Viscountess Caldecote, President of the Fellowship of Engineers, at the annual soiree held at the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering at Silsoe, Bedfordshire, by permission of the director, Mr John Matthews.

Birthdays today

Miss Bridget Brophy 57; Mr George Bush 62; Mr C. D. L. Clark 53; Mr John Copley 53; Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Denning 92; Sir Peter Froggatt 58; Mr Leon Goossens 89; Lady Herries of Terregles 48; Major-General Sir John Hill 78; Mr Justice Hollins 68; Mr Justice Horder 68; Mr Justice Kennedy 51; Mr Justice Knudson 34; Dr L. Harrison Matthews 85; Lord Mayhew 71; Mr J. W. McWilliam 66; Mr Bill Wright 79; the Very Rev Dr R. Selby Wright 78.

MR STUART WILLIAMS

Mr Stuart Williams, OBE, who made a significant contribution to the stability and success of BBC Television during its crucial years of rapid expansion and growth, has died aged 71.

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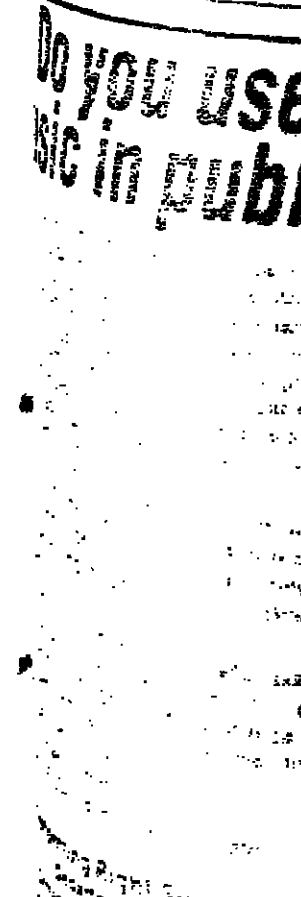
Professor Anthony Andraesen, who died on June 8, was a surgeon who had a distinguished career in the Indian Medical Service, holding chairs of surgery in Orissa and Calcutta and acting as surgeon to the Viceroy.

MR GLAN WILLIAMS

Glan Williams, the political cartoonist and caricaturist, has died. He was 74. For the past ten years his cartoons of MPs had been familiar to readers of Parliament's House Magazine.

SIR JOHN HIGGS

Sir John Higgs, FSA, secretary and keeper of the records of the Duchy of Cornwall since 1981, died on June 6, aged 62. A lecturer in the faculty of agriculture at Reading University from 1948-57, his many posts included keeper at the Museum of English Rural Life (1951-57); President of the British Agricultural History Society (1974-76); and a member of the Prince of Wales's Council since 1979.



THE ARTS

Television African spirits

Four systems of belief compete for the spiritual domination of Africa...

The Africans naturally invites comparison with Basil Davidson's The Story of Africa...

A Very Peculiar Practice (BBC2) Andrew Davies's satire on university characters...

Celia Brayfield

Galleries

Mania of self-portrayal

Oskar Kokoschka 1886-1980 Tate

Works on Paper Marlborough Fine Art

Some artists go astray in later life simply because they run out of creative steam...

does for us is to reaffirm the traditional valuation. The selection is not enormous...

But very soon doubts begin to intrude. There is an outbreak of self-portraiture...

ing everyone he portrays, male and female, look vaguely like himself...

And then, the long decline? Not necessarily. There are many who admire the big landscapes...



Kokoschka's passion for Alma Mahler carried to the point of having a life-size doll made in her image...

of pain seem to become a nervous tic rather than a stylistic statement...

colour sketch into a work of almost Japanese precision, economy and passion...

remains uncracked. The traditional solution seems to remain valid...

John Russell Taylor



Playing the lovers' game of taming: Timothy Dalton, Vanessa Redgrave

Theatre

Cruelty convincingly transformed

The Taming of the Shrew Haymarket

It has become a habit among recent directors of this comedy to suggest that it is really making a point about money...

It takes some originality, not to say courage, to present the piece at its face value...

Footlights Revue Arts, Cambridge

This annual occasion is appreciated not only for itself but because of the chance it offers to spot in embryo the talent of the next Jonathan Miller...

Krapp's Last Tape/Endgame Riverside

The rest of us may have forgotten that Samuel Beckett turned 80 in May (or in April, the grand old kiddier's official birthday)...

Reprising the role he first assumed at Greenwich 10 years ago, Max Wall plays the solitary protagonist of Krapp's Last Tape...

resolved; but, thanks to the partnership of Vanessa Redgrave and Timothy Dalton...

Even in the central taming scenes, it is comic detail, such as the sight of her eyes ravenously scouring the table...

Played on an adapted version of Sean Hignett's Antony and Cleopatra stage, the production makes full use of the

brozier when she totters freezing into the matrimonial home.

Christopher Sly material, keeping him in view almost throughout and thus emphasizing the sportive nature of the show...

The surrounding company are not strong on individual personalities, but their timing and style are immaculate.

Irving Wardle

Brian Clough opera, Liverpool v Chelsea, with Kiri Te Kanawa in the demanding role of Kevin Keegan...

Mike Baker, tall and imish, like the thin man inside Fatty Arbuckle, describes an athletics contest from the

point of view of a landscape gardener whose neat squares of sand are constantly roughed up by men jumping into them...

Jeremy Kingston

Almeida Festival

Arvo Part Union Chapel

So the Almeida Festival is with us once again - as usual with spectacular disregard for the mood of cautious pessimism...

An attempt to describe Part's idiom - 'the distilled modal simplicity, the evenness of pace, the explicit rather than implicit evocation of timelessness'...

Whether it successfully sustained the 35-minute design of

Part's Te Deum for double chorus, strings, piano and tape is more open to question. Plainsong-derived material seems to lose so much of the long-breathed suppleness of its original source...

Tabula Rasa's Vivaldi-like regular rhythmic patterns were the backdrop for the two supremely fine violin soloists, Mark Lubotsky and Elisabeth Perry...

Malcolm Hayes

Concert

Philharmonia/Sinopoli Festival Hall/Radio 3

Giuseppe Sinopoli can be a formidable conductor of music that calls for rich orchestral sonorities, heady passions and a certain ruggedness of approach...

Here was ample evidence of that. Schubert's Symphony No 8 stood up well, even to the Italian's own way of finishing the 'Unfinished'...

the first desk of cellos special prominence at the return of the first movement's cello tune. Suddenly we were listening to chamber music.

On the other hand, the performance of Debussy's La Mer seemed coarse in texture and phlegmatic in pace. It is odd that a conductor who, in matters of sonority, strives to offer maximum contrast should be so inflexible about speed...

In Berlioz's Harold in Italy the best moments came in the 'Brigands' Ogy', where the opening had a tense, Verdian excitement and the Philharmonia's opulently-toned brass conveyed proper menace...

Richard Morrison

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Bigger role by Government in airport security

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is to take direct control of the continuing efforts to improve anti-terrorist equipment at British airports.

In an effort to ensure that ministers are more fully involved in evaluating the standards of new anti-explosive devices, which are constantly coming on to the market, the Government is expected to take over the chairmanship of the special committee of airline, airport and security interests which looks at the latest developments in baggage-handling and other security equipment at airports.

The committee is a special sub-committee of the National Aviation Security Committee.

Mr Michael Spicer, the Minister for Aviation, will propose at a meeting of NASC next week that the chairmanship of the sub-committee, currently held by the British Airports Authority, should be taken over by a senior security official from the Department of Transport.

At the same meeting, measures to strengthen the committee with the addition of more scientific experts are expected to be agreed.

Behind the move is the belief that because the Government will in any case be criticized in the event of a serious failure in anti-terrorist monitoring devices, ministers should be involved at the outset in decisions about the choice of equipment.

New technological developments in baggage handling equipment, archway metal detectors, X-ray equipment and electronic "sniffing" devices are being made at a rapid rate and ministers are anxious to keep abreast of developments and to stay ahead of the terrorists.

Mr Spicer, who yesterday visited Heathrow Airport to see demonstrations of new equipment, told *The Times* last night: "I want to be sure that the department in general and ministers in particular are fully involved in the process of evaluating the very large amount of new equipment which is coming on the market at the moment for the detection of explosive devices."

Minister's daughter found dead at Oxford

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tion in Oxford. A number of people are now in custody being questioned in connection with the events surrounding this matter.

The five being questioned were four men and a woman, all in their early 20s. They were taken to the city's St Aldate police station.

The news of Miss Channon's death shocked undergraduates who had taken part in the late-night drinking parties.

A statement issued by the Very Rev Eric Heaton, the Dean of Christ Church, said that the room in which Miss Channon was found had been used as a study by a Christ Church undergraduate, but that undergraduate had slept at his own lodgings out of the college that night.

Mrs Mary Moore, principal of St Hilda's College, said that the college was deeply shocked and saddened by the news of Miss Channon's death.

She had been studying since 1983 at St Hilda's and had previously been at St Mary's private school at Wantage. Her final examination in modern history started last Wednesday and finished on Tuesday.

Miss Channon was a member of the Oxford University Student Union. A spokeswoman for the union said last night that undergraduates believed her death was a tragic accident.

Miss Channon came from a family with a long tradition of wealth, privilege and high political office. Her father became the youngest MP in the House of Commons in 1959 at the age of 23 after winning a by-election at Southend West, a seat that had practically become a family heirloom — four ancestors had been Speakers of the House (Gavin Bell writes).

Inherited wealth from the Guinness fortune came from the marriage of her paternal grandfather Sir Henry "Chips" Channon. American-born favourite of the gossip columnists in the 1930s, novelist, MP and host to royalty and the jet-set, to Honor Guinness, granddaughter of the first Lord Iveagh, founder of the Guinness empire.



Mr and Mrs Fox outside Buckingham Palace yesterday. (Photograph: John Manning)

How an American couple eluded Gadafi's revenge

By Alan Hamilton

Helen and David Fox had been planning a holiday with friends in the Catskill Mountains until they saw in their New Jersey newspaper a British Airways advertisement offering the chance of free flights to London. Their coupon was in the mail by nightfall.

Their first surprise was to win. Their second was to go to the New York passport office and find no queues. Chernobyl and Colonel Gadafi have conspired to keep Americans on the "safe" side of the pond this summer.

But not the Foxes; to them BA was a fairly godmother fulfilling a lifetime's wish. Mr Fox, born in London 65 years ago but American since the age of two, had always wanted to take his wife to Europe. But the need to look after an elderly relative had kept them at home for years, and now his modest pension as a retired furniture store manager appeared to rule out the expedition.

Yesterday, on the first day's sightseeing of an 11-day holiday, they dismissed all thought of terrorism or nuclear clouds. "It's far more dangerous walking in New York — and I like New York," Mr Fox said. But Mrs Fox did ask whether it was safe to ride the London Underground.

A hired Jaguar took them to Trafalgar Square. They admired the architecture but Mr Fox, a collector of medals, stamps, old postcards, toy trains and books about naval warfare, was itching to go to Spinks.

Sorry, said Spinks, they had no Turkish medals at the moment, but Mr Fox managed to worm two free catalogues out of the assistant.

To Buckingham Palace, which failed to impress. "It's grand, but it's sure to do with a coat of whitewash," said Mrs Fox. Past the changing of the guard at St James's Palace to Harrods at Mrs Fox's gaily insistent request. But again no sale, and a feeling that Macy's was just as good, except for the food hall.

And then to the Sherlock Holmes public house off Trafalgar Square, where English draught beer was tasted. They talked of going to Amsterdam for a couple of days, but were dissuaded by the complexity of train and ferry. Likewise were they dissuaded of the notion of a day trip to Scotland. They were happy to amble in the unaccustomed safety of the London streets, and planned a boat trip on the Thames.

But their prize has a catch. British Airways offers only the flight, one night's free hotel and the following four nights at half-price. Their budget for the entire trip was \$3,000 and they had already calculated that by Sunday they would be set to leave out of their hotel behind Oxford Street.

The hotel breakfast prices had already dismayed them, and they escaped to a nearby cafe to be perplexed by such unfamiliar items on the menu as "best back bacon" and "hap". But they thought the \$3.45 for two breakfasts perfectly reasonable. It was, however, slightly cheeky of Mr Fox to leave a dollar bill as a tip.

Back in Maywood, New Jersey, they agreed, the next year would be Europe saving for a return trip to Spinks.

Highlands wrap up for an 'Indian winter'

By Ronald Faux

Braemar on Royal Deeside had an unexpected attraction to offer its sprinkling of visitors yesterday — snow.

The hills above the famous Highlands resort shone white in what one hotelier referred to as an Indian winter. Snow ploughs were brought out of summer hibernation to clear the road to Glenshee and the notoriously exposed highway between Cockbridge and Tomintoul.

Visitors guarded against a bitter north wind with mufflers and gloves and no-one could remember June weather quite like it. A saleswoman in the Glenroy Hircraft shop recalled: "There was a time,

Coronation Day 1953, when a blizzard cancelled the children's parade, but the road was never blocked."

One of the few Americans to be found touring the Highlands was stranded on a Monday night in Braemar. When she telephoned the car hire company in London to explain why she would be late they refused to believe she was stuck in a snowdrift.

Fishermen had an unusually cold time casting for salmon in rivers that were flowing at winter temperatures and grouse moor guardians feared for their stocks and an In-glorious Twelfth.

Warsaw Pact proposes 1m cuts in European troops

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verify this figure. The inherent problems of the Vienna negotiations will also be compounded rather than solved by expanding the arms forum to include other, even neutral, European powers.

General Nikolai Chervov, the Soviet arms specialist, tried to dispel one potential criticism of the proposal, the suspicion that Soviet troops withdrawn to behind the Ural Mountains could easily return to the central European front.

The general said here that forces withdrawn from Europe could be demobilised, the weaponry destroyed or stored on internationally supervised territory, equipment could be redeployed in the civilian economy — military trucks could be used in agriculture, he said — and both sides would pledge themselves not to funnel defence savings into designing new weapons.

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Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen attends Beat Retreat by The Massed Bands of The Royal Artillery on Horse Guards, followed by a reception at the Banqueting Hall, Whitehall, 6.25.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, attends a meeting of the Black Economic Development Unit followed by a board meeting, IBM (UK), 76 Upper Ground, SE1, 10; and later attends a reception and dinner given by the chairman of the United World Colleges International Board, the Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall, 7.30.

The Princess of Wales presents the prizes for the

Whitebread Round the World Yacht Race, Whitebread Porter Tea Room, Chiswell St, EC1, 5.30.

Princess Anne, President, Save the Children Fund, attends the American Junior League of London lunch, the Grosvenor House Hotel, 12.

Princess Margaret visits the Royal Air Force, Gutersloh, Germany, departs RAF Northolt, 9.35.

The Duchess of Kent attends a lunch in aid of the Sunshine Coach Scheme of the Variety Club of Great Britain, UMI, Manchester 11.25; and later opens the new out-patient department at Christie Hospital, Manchester at 2.45.

New exhibitions

Small is Beautiful: Genre land

and seascapes of modest dimensions mainly by 19th century Northumbrian artists; also watercolours, by Peace: Vicarage Cottage Gallery, Preston Road, North Shields; Thurs to Sat, 10 to 5, Sun 11 to 5 (ends Jun 29).

Exhibition in progress

Oil paintings by June Lloyd-Jones: The Stonegate Gallery, 52a Stonegate, York; Tues to Sat, 10.30 to 5 (ends Jun 28).

Music

Concert by the New Symphony Orchestra: The Marlboro Theatre, Canterbury, 7.30.

Concert by the Harmonie Ensemble: Keele Hall Terrace, Keele University, 8.

Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta: Town Hall, Seaton, 7.30.

Concert by the English String Orchestra: Adrian Boult Hall, Paradise Place, Birmingham, 7.30.

Recital by Richard Wallace (viola) and Mair Jones (harp), Liverpool Parish church, Pier Head, 1.05.

Recital by Sheila Cochrane (flute) and Philip Sawyer (organ): The Church of St Stephen, Frederick St, Edinburgh, 8.

Adelphi Festival of Music and the Arts: Concert by the Medici Quartet, Orford Church, 3; Concert by Mieczyslaw Horzowski (piano), Snape Maltings, 8, Aldburgh.

Harmonie Male Voice Choir with Stuart Burrows (tenor): Ulster Hall, Belfast, 7.45.

Leominster Festival '86: Schools Concert with choirs, bands, and soloists from Junior Schools in the Leominster district, Junior School Hall, Leominster, 7.

Concert by Musica Donum Dei: St Mary's, Benny, Notts, 7.15.

Lecture

Public lecture by Aisha Suredin, the Abbess of four Buddhist Monasteries in England: Elvet Riverside Lecture Rooms, New Elvet, Durham City, 7.30.

General

Flower Show, art exhibition and sale, St Mary's, Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, today, tomorrow and Sat and Sun 10 to 8 (ends June 15).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Financial Services Bill, completion of remaining stages.

Lords (3): Agriculture Bill, committee, first day. Drug Trafficking Bill, third reading.

The pound

Australia \$	2.34	Bank of England	540.00
Belgium Fr	205.00	Canada Cdn	1.52
Denmark Kr	16.46	France Fr	6.55
Germany DM	2.36	Italy Lit	2036.00
Japan Yen	161.00	Netherlands Gld	3.75
Spain Ptas	166.64	Portugal Esc	200.48
Switzerland Fr	2.30	South Africa Rd	4.65
USA \$	1.52	Spain Ptas	222.00
Yen	161.00	Sweden Kr	136.48

Bank of England 540.00

London: The FT index closed down 13.2 at 1301.1

New books

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week

Hardback

An Autobiography, by Robin Woods (SCM Press, £12.95)

Art in the Hellenistic Age, by J.J. Pollitt (Cambridge, £40)

Ascendancy to Oblivion, The Story of the Anglo-Irish, by Michael Ondaatje (Faber, £14.95)

Blind Victory, A Study in Income, Wealth and Power, by David Howell (Hamish Hamilton, £10.95)

Britain's Civil Wars, Counter-Insurgency in the Twentieth Century, by Charles Townsend (Faber, £14.95)

Frederick's Own Island, Vol 2: A History of Britain and the British People, by Arthur Bryant (Collins, £15)

Game, Set and Deadline, A Tennis Odyssey, by Rex Bellamy (Kingswood, £12.95)

Garden and Grove, The Italian Renaissance Garden in the English Imagination: 1600-1750, by John Dixon Hunt (Dent, £25)

In Search of the Big Bang, Quantum Physics and Cosmology, by John Gribbin (Heinemann, £14.95)

Truth and Lies in Literature, by Stephen Vizinczey (Hamish Hamilton, £12.95)

Paperback

Bread and Wine, by Ignazio Silone, translated by Eric Mosbacher (Dent, £4.95)

He Who Hatters Let Him Go, by Chester Himes (Pluto, £3.95)

Quixote, or The Ripper's Tale, by Lawrence Sanders (Faber, £3.50)

Victory Over Japan, by Alan Gilchrist (Faber, £3.50)

Walking on Glass, by Ian Banks (Futura, £1.95)

NON-FICTION

Ayaz, Heroes and Princesses, The Story of Indians in Britain 1700-1947, by Markham (Pluto, £4.95)

Isle of the Lighthouse, by Tamas J. Zelt (Pluto, £4.95)

Early Spring, by Tove Ditlevsen, translated by Tina Nunnally (The Women's Press, £3.95)

The Worst Accident in the World, Chernobyl: The End of the Nuclear Dream, by David Leigh and others (Pan, £2.95)

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ANNIVERSARIES

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Deaths: John Ireland, composer, Washington, Sussex, 1962; Sir Herbert Read, poet and critic, Malton, Yorkshire, 1968; Dame Marie Rambert, London, 1982.

Weather

Anti-cyclone over central England will drift slowly South-east as Atlantic fronts cross much of the country from the W.

6 am to midnight

London, SE England, East Angles, Channel Islands: Dry with sunny intervals, becoming cloudy later, with perhaps a light drizzle; wind light and variable; max temp 19C (66F).

Midlands: Bright becoming cloudy with perhaps a little rain later; wind SW light; max temp 18C (64F).

SW England, Wales: Becoming cloudy with drizzle and hill and coastal fog patches; wind SW light to moderate; max temp 17C (63F) but cooler on coasts.

NW, NE England, Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Becoming cloudy with rain in places; wind SW moderate; max temp 16C (61F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney: Cloudy with rain heavy at times, bright, with showers spreading from the W later; wind S becoming SW fresh or strong; max temp 14C (57F).

NI, SW Ireland: Becoming cloudy with rain in places; wind SW moderate; max temp 16C (61F).

Northern Ireland: Cloudy with rain at first, soon becoming brighter with showers; wind SW fresh becoming moderate; max temp 16C (61F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday

NI, SW Ireland: Becoming brighter with sunny intervals, becoming dry with sunny intervals. Cloudy with rain at times in the North and West.

Sun Rise: 5.43 am Sun Sets: 9.16 pm
Moon sets: 12.40 am 8.22 am
First quarter: June 16

High Tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.31	6.8	5.40	6.5
London	5.31	6.8	5.40	6.5
Avonmouth	10.50	11.10	11.00	11.2
Belfast	2.42	3.2	10.28	10.8
Bristol	10.52	10.10	10.10	10.4
Doverport	5.20	4.8	9.28	4.8
Dover	5.20	5.0	9.28	5.0
Falmouth	5.20	4.8	9.28	4.8
Glasgow	3.54	4.4	4.46	4.0
Harwich	3.23	3.7	3.37	3.7
Haywards	5.20	4.8	9.28	4.8
Hull	5.49	5.4	10.23	6.7
London	5.31	6.8	5.40	6.5
Liverpool	2.37	3.4	3.04	3.1
Lowestoft	3.23	2.1	3.46	4.4
Manchester	10.52	10.10	10.10	10.4
Milford Haven	5.54	5.9	10.11	6.0
Newquay	5.20	4.8	9.28	4.8
Other	5.20	4.8	9.28	4.8
Portsmouth	5.24	4.8	9.28	4.8
Reading	10.52	10.10	10.10	10.4
Southampton	2.29	3.4	3.03	3.4
Swansea	10.04	10.17	10.1	10.1
Tees	7.18	4.8	7.36	4.5
White-on-Wale	5.18	4.8	9.28	4.7

Tide measured in metres tm-2000.

Lighting-up time

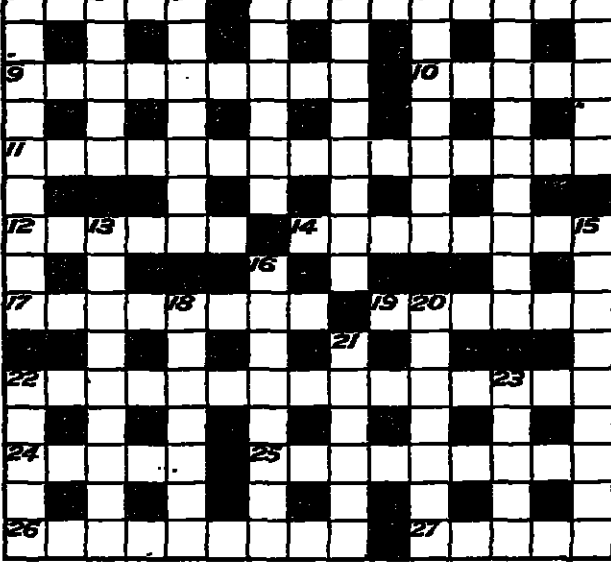
London 9.49 pm to 4.13 am
London 9.57 pm to 4.23 am
Edinburgh 10.23 pm to 4.37 am
Manchester 10.05 pm to 4.40 am
Penzance 10.22 pm to 4.42 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C, cloud, f, rain, s, sun.

City	C	F
Belfast	11.65	53
Birmingham	14.57	58
Bristol	12.54	55
Cardiff	11.52	53
Edinburgh	11.52	53
Exeter	11.52	53
Glasgow	11.52	53
London	14.57	58
Manchester	14.57	58
Newcastle	11.52	53
Nottingham	11.52	53
Oxford	11.52	53
Sheffield	11.52	53
Southampton	11.52	53
Stirling	11.52	53
Swansea	11.52	53
Torquay	11.52	53
Wolverhampton	11.52	53
Worcester	11.52	53
Wrexham	11.52	53

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,070



ACROSS

- Rose to the occasion, dressed in ceremonial cloak (5).
- Take steps to make this recorder work (9).
- Language written forwards or backwards in India (9).
- Muslim women's collective (5).
- Kookaburra having no problems with a donkey (8,7).
- A royal rebel — Burlington, perhaps? (6).
- Surely this American writer wasn't just a com-mer-
chan (8).
- Fine cutter was no net return (5-3).
- Like a dramatic device, right in Greek (6).
- Once this is laid down, everything gets piled on top (10,5).
- Indian take may have fish in it (3).
- Old locomotive, very hard to mount (4,5).
- Delicacy at the table — like father returning the sugar? (9).
- There may be a catch here — yes, it's a sifter (3).

DOWN

- Giving way as a result of trouble with A I change-over (9).
- Oriental dish — one figuring in the Letters of Paul (5).
- How the Israelites crossed river in shoddy resort (3-4).
- Fence losing colour (6).
- Only half a man, but has lots of bottle (8).
- Indian booked at the end of the line (7).
- Sailor-apostle wearing waterproof hat (9).
- Football representatives are back (5).
- Do tricks before the magistrate — imagine! (7,2).
- The awful Carver swallows his tea, talking to swindler (9).
- Very small copper hoop left by porter (8).
- Turn round — a learner-driver is having little bumps? (7).
- Wild oyster with soft and hard fruit (4-3).
- These birds don't exist. Do rabbits or deer? (6).
- Consult this panel to check your progress (5).
- Morris dancers displaying gold lace (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,069

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32

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Portfolio Gold

Times Portfolio Gold runs as follows:

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7. All participants will be subject to the Rules. All instructions on 'how to play' and 'how to claim' will be published in the Times or in Times Portfolio cards will be deemed to be part of these Rules. The Editor reserves the right to amend the Rules at any time.

8. In any dispute, the Editor's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Anniversaries

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Pollen count

The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was 6 (very low). Forecast for today, similar. For today's recording call British Telecom's recording centre on 8091, which is updated each day at 10.30 am.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 11 am.

Around Britain

City	Sun Rise	Sun Sets	Cloud	F	Rain	S
East Coast	5.27	18.64	bright			
Birmingham	5.15	18.01	showers			
Cardiff	5.10	17.57	cloudy			
London	4.7	17.59	bright			
Manchester	5.5	17.54	cloudy			
Nottingham	6.2	17.59	bright			
Other	6.0	18.14	57	sunny		
Portsmouth	6.0	18.14	57	sunny		
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Torquay	6.0	18.14	57	sunny		
Wolverhampton	6.0	18.14	57	sunny		
Worcester	6.0	18.14	57	sunny		
Wrexham	6.0	18.14	57	sunny		

Abroad

Monday: a, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fog; g, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sh, shower; t, thunder.

City	C	F
Algeria	24	75
Amman	26	79
Algiers	26	79
Antwerp	15	59
Athens	23	73
Bahia	27	81
Bangkok	27	81
Batavia	27	81
Bombay	27	81
Buenos Aires	27	81
Calcutta	27	81
Cairo	27	81
Cardiff	11	52
Chennai	27	81
Cebu	27	81
Dakar	27	81
Dhaka	27	81
Dublin	15	59
Edinburgh	11	52
Geneva	11	52
Havana	27	81
Harbin	27	81
Hong Kong	27	81
London	14	57
Lyons	11	52
Manila	27	81
Medan	27	81
Mexico City	27	81
Montevideo	27	81
Moscow	11	52
New York	14	57
Osaka	27	81
Paris	11	52
Perth	27	81
Port of Spain	27	81
Rangoon	27	81
Rio de Janeiro	27	81
Rome	17	63
Singapore	27	81
Sourabaya	27	81
Taipei	27	81
Tokyo	27	81
Winnipeg	27	81
Zurich	11	52

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1301.1 (-13.3)
FT-SE 100
1571.4 (-15.0)
Bargains
24665
USM (Datastream)
121.07 (-0.55)
THE POUND
US Dollar
1.5275 (+0.0090)
W German mark
3.3788 (+0.0108)
Trade-weighted
76.5 (+0.6)

Ladbroke confident

Texas Homecare, the superstore recently acquired by Ladbroke, is operating well up to expectations. Mr Cyril Stein, Ladbroke's chairman and managing director, said at the annual meeting. Forecast profits are likely to be exceeded, and core businesses are well positioned to expand in Britain and overseas. Ladbroke is confident of good growth this year.

Salvesen rise

Christian Salvesen, the food distribution company, lifted pretax profits from £33.4 million to £38.8 million in the year to March 31. Turnover rose from £256 million to £295 million. The final dividend is 2p, taking the total to 3.25p, up from 2.87p.

Issue succeeds

Burmah Oil's rights issue was accepted for 90.7 per cent of the shares on offer. The shares not taken up were sold at a premium of 44.37p each.

Lighting move

B Elliott's United States subsidiary has bought Weldon of Ohio, safety lighting manufacturer, for \$3.1 million (£2.1 million) in cash plus up to \$650,000 depending on future profits.

£2.5m sale

Coloroll has paid £2.5 million for Alexander Drew and Sons and related properties. Drew is a private company based in Lancashire and its principal activity is the contract printing of fabric for the home furnishing trade.

Offer lapses

The offer by Dinam Investment for CSC Investment Trust has lapsed after acceptances reached 0.39 per cent. Dinam and associates hold 38.68 per cent.

BT orders

British Telecom International has announced £4m worth of orders for its transatlantic optical fibre cable service. Among the companies which have placed orders are Mobil, Barclays Bank and British Airways.

Estates final

Great Portland Estates reported £18.69 million pretax net revenue for the year to March 31, up 11.4 per cent on the same period the previous year. Net asset value rose 6.4 per cent to 21.5p per share and the final dividend will be 4.6p.

Pilkington fall

Pilkington Brothers saw pretax profits fall £10.2 million to £105.5 million for the year to March 31. Sales rose by 7.7 per cent to £1.3 billion and the dividend was raised by 1p to 13.5p.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS	
New York	1301.1 (+1.08)
Tokyo	17096.45 (+128.76)
Hong Kong	Closed
Amsterdam	286.1 (+0.7)
Sydney	1225.4 (+3.5)
Frankfurt	1952.1 (-13.1)
Commerzbank	823.56 (+18.00)
Generale	346.5 (+2.5)
Parika CAC	n/a
SAKA General	n/a
London closing prices	Page 26

CURRENCIES	
London	New York
£: \$1.5275	£: \$1.5285
£: DM3.3788	£: DM2.2120
£: FF72.7622	£: index 114.9
£: Yen254.02	ECU £0.638614
£: index: 76.5	SDR £0.774605

INTEREST RATES	
London:	Bank Base: 10%
	3-month interbank 9.9-10.4%
	3-month eligible bills 9.1-9.2%
	buying rate
US:	Prime Rate 8.50%
	Federal Funds 6.4%
	3-month Treasury Bills 6.25-6.34%
	30-year bonds 8.9-9.2%

Woolworth shares fall 40p as final bid is rejected

By Cliff Feltham
The Woolworth high street chain yesterday threw out the latest - and final - takeover bid worth £1.9 billion from the Dixons electrical group. Mr Stanley Kalms, the Dixons chairman, backed up the increased offer with his brainchild for a new Woolworth with several hundred stores split into Dixons and Currys and the rest relaunched to provide a third leg in the home leisure and entertainment market.



Stanley Kalms: Woolworth caught in "vicious cycle"



Geoff Mulcahey: Dixons strategy "ludicrous"

In the stock market, the pendulum swung in favour of Dixons as the Woolworth share price dropped 40p to 735p - 30p below the new terms. For the first time, Dixons is also offering a cash alternative worth 805p.

Mr Nick Bubb, top stores analyst at Sprimegour Vickers, the stockbroker, said: "It appears to have swung Dixons' way. The new offer is cleverly pitched. They are offering a fair exit p/e and the plans for the Woolworth stores make a lot of sense."

Mr Geoff Mulcahey, the Woolworth chief executive, said: "I'm quite confident we'll see them off. The

price is still totally inadequate and their strategy is ludicrous. They are talking about expanding the space for electrical goods in the high street when the whole market is moving out of town."

Mr Kalms sweetened his new bid with news that Dixons' profits for the year just ended had risen by 97 per cent to £78.1 million and sales during the first six weeks of this year were ahead by 29 per cent. "Business is booming," he said.

He said that Woolworth, which was caught in a "vicious cycle of low sales, low profitability, and market loss" had 7 million square feet which was far too much space.

He wanted to see 2 million square feet for Dixons and Currys. He planned to carve up 260 of the city centre stores which would be shared with Dixons and Currys. The rest of the 580 smaller neighbourhood stores would be revitalized with many traditional lines disappearing. "A

transformation of the Woolworth chain will begin on day one," Mr Kalms said.

Woolworth is overpacked. The problem is acute in the larger stores in major centres. This is implicitly recognized in the group's own closure and disposal programme and the plans to give up space to other retailers in up to 60 larger stores.

Dixons also plans to move its Power City outlets into Woolworth's B&Q chain. The full terms of the new bid involve the issue of 18 new Dixons and 22 convertible preference shares for every 10 Woolworths. The cash and loan stock alternative is reckoned to be worth 805p.

Last night Woolworth bolstered its defences with a forecast of a 60 per cent rise in dividends this year to accompany the previously announced 30 per cent rise in profits. It satisfied the Takeover Panel by pointing out that these were always subject to normal trading patterns - assumptions which it had committed in making its profit forecast last week and which led to a rebuke.

Tough action promised on unscrupulous salesmen

By Our City Staff
Tough action against unscrupulous salesmen of life assurance and unit trusts was promised by Sir Kenneth Berill, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, yesterday.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the British Insurance Brokers Association, Sir Kenneth said that clause 54 of the Financial Services Bill, which contains the power to ban undesirable persons from investment businesses "is not simply some obscure reserve power to be used as a threat but not actually implemented".

"Where we feel there is the need we shall not hesitate to make disqualification orders," he added.

The Bill also provides for the creation of a blacklist of salesmen who have been banned from selling life assurance and unit trusts. This would be maintained by the SIB.

Sir Kenneth said that Miboc and the SIB were "in broad terms" happy with the progress of the Bill in Parliament. With regard to life assurance and unit trusts, he said that the Bill would "not before time" introduce the kind of rules on issues such as standard of business conduct, capital adequacy, and compensation which to date applied only to those registered with the Insurance Brokers Registration Council.

The refusal was announced on Monday by Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs. The proposal would have necessitated an amendment to the Financial Services Bill which places the onus on firms authorized under the new self regulatory regime to ensure that their employees are properly trained, supervised and controlled.

Base rate outlook lifts pound

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent
The pound rose strongly yesterday amid market suggestions that the Bank of England was intervening to keep it from going up too quickly. The sterling index gained 0.6 to 76.5.

The pound was buoyed by the realization that the poor Tuesday money supply figures, with a rise of 3 per cent in sterling M3, make an early cut in base rates unlikely.

Money market rates rose by 1/8 or 1/4 points, the three-month interbank rate rising to 9 1/8-9 1/16 per cent. At this level, there is no pressure from the money markets for a cut in base rates from the current 10 per cent.

The pound's rise was mirrored in the performance of the stock market. The Financial Times 30-share index fell by 13.3 points to 1301.1, on fading base rate hopes.

Suggestions that the Bank of England was intervening in the market came as the pound fell back from mid-afternoon levels of well above £1.53 against the dollar to a closing level of \$1.5275, still 90 points up on the day.

It is thought that the authorities, having ruled out lower base rates on domestic grounds, do not want heavy pressure for lower rates to come via the foreign exchange markets.

In Tokyo, Mr Satoshi Sumita, the Governor of the Bank of Japan, admitted official intervention to hold down the yen against the dollar. After rising to 177 against the yen early last week, the dollar has fallen. Yesterday it closed at 166.30, half a yen down on the day.

Regalian up 65% for year

By Judith Huntley
Commercial Property Correspondent
Regalian Properties, the company which has made its name in converting rundown council estates into desirable homes, announced record pretax profits yesterday of £3.68 million for the year to March 31, up 65.1 per cent on the previous year. Turnover rose by 76.7 per cent to £19.18 million.

Changes in accounting policy mean that interest costs are now charged to profits over the whole selling period of each of Regalian's developments. But for this, pretax profits would have been lower at £3.52 million.

Regalian's urban renewal schemes in south and north-west London and at Washington New Town, Tyne and Wear, are selling well and will contribute to profits next year. The company is also developing very large residential and commercial schemes at Wapping in London.

Earnings per share have risen from 13.16p to 21.06p with a final dividend of 2.75p per share making a total for the year of 23.81p.

Regalian, which had an £8.5 million rights issue at the interim stage last year, is recommending a one-for-one scrip issue to shareholders.

APV predicts 80% rise in profits

By Teresa Poole
APV Holdings, the process engineer which is fighting off a £214 million bid from Siebe, yesterday forecast an 80 per cent increase in pretax profits to £27 million for 1986, and said that shareholders were being "steamrollered" into accepting an offer which undervalued the company. Until recently City expectations for APV's current year profits had been around £19 million but Mr Fred Smith, chief executive, insisted that the official forecast was conservative. APV shares were unchanged at 67 1/2p compared with the 67 1/2p convertible preference share offer and the 67 1/2p cash alternative. The bid will close 14 days after the posting of the revised offer document. Siebe

shares fell 5p to 96.5p. For the past five years APV's profits have been below the 1980 level of £18.6 million, falling to £8.6 million in 1984. The company said the recovery was because of the elimination of losses in South Africa and Europe, and that 1986 would also have a contribution from the new joint venture in Germany.

Mr Smith added: "The final reason is that we have got real growth back into the system." APV will recommend a dividend of 18p for the current year, a 53 per cent increase. APV said that it had "outstanding" prospects and cited the potential of its new continuous process for making cheddar cheese.

Hanson sells paper group

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent
Hanson Trust has sold the two specialist papermaking businesses of Robert Fletcher & Son in the North West of England to Melton Meades, a privately owned industrial holding company.

The businesses, which employ a total of 650 people and have sales of £22 million a year, were owned by Imperial Group which Hanson acquired for £2.4 billion after a bitter takeover fight two months ago.

Hanson said Imperial had been planning to dispose of the paper companies for some time. The sale did not represent

the beginning of a Hanson inspired programme of disposals among the newly acquired Imperial companies. Hanson said the deal was "use" in group terms representing something "under £5 million".

The move is the 12th acquisition in three years for Melton Meades, a fast growing Nottingham based company owned and controlled by Indian born Mr Nat Puri. Post the Fletcher acquisition, Melton will employ more than 2,000 in activities as diverse as carpet manufacturing, papermaking, conversion of thermo-plastics materials

by moulding and extrusion, and construction services. Sales are now running at £60 million a year.

Melton's chief executive, James Philpotts, said the acquisition would considerably strengthen the group in specialist papermaking. "Robert Fletcher (Greenfield) is the sole UK producer of cigarette papers and its sister company Robert Fletcher (Stonesborough) is the major manufacturer of lightweight papers for printing purposes including bible paper.

"Our policy is one of buying quality businesses or those of latent quality.

'Today' likely to get cash boost

By Our City Staff
Robert Maxwell's Mirror Group or Mr Kerry Packer's Australian Consolidated Press.

Mr Don Cruickshank, managing director of the Virgin Group, also denied reports that either Virgin or its founder, Mr Richard Branson, would be involved.

Mr Triefus said: "A further cash injection is being discussed along with a change in the management structure. The aim is to ensure that the paper is not living from day to day and that it has the funds it needs without coming back for more on an emergency basis."

Mr Triefus said that as far as he was aware "the existing investors are going to sort out the situation themselves." The founding shareholders in Today - mainly Trusthouse

Forte, British & Commonwealth and Ivory & Sime - have already pumped in £2.5 million on top of their original investment to cover the paper's recent cash flow crisis.

A spokesman for Mr Maxwell said Mr Shah had made an approach to print a new London afternoon newspaper which the Mirror group hopes to launch in September. However, such a contract would only bring in extra income rather than provide fresh capital for the newspaper.

Today has registered heavy losses since its launch, despite Mr Shah's hopes that its labour-saving technology could reap profits of up to £20 million a year. Circulation of less than half the one million copies hoped for has hit cover price income and forced the paper to offer heavy discounts

**Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet
Fed chief rides to Mexico's rescue**

Once again, Paul Volcker is the white knight who has come to Mexico's rescue during a critical period. After months of talks, the latest negotiations over Mexico's \$97 billion debt were close to collapse. Another non-payment crisis, certain to send the wrong signal to other debtor nations, was imminent. The much vaunted debt initiative of US Treasury Secretary James Baker was in trouble.

But the US Federal Reserve Board chairman appears to have saved the day by paying a secret visit last Monday to his old friend, Miguel De La Madrid, the beleaguered president who has been under strong domestic pressure to declare a moratorium on all or part of Mexico's debt repayments. If Mexico reaches an agreement with the international monetary fund, and Mr Volcker said yesterday he is hopeful this will occur, then much of the credit goes to the US Central Bank chairman.

It was only after Volcker's last minute visit to De La Madrid that officials reported a breakthrough in the stalled talks. Announcement of a new financing package in the range of \$6 billion to \$8 billion is now likely. Officials are now talking about a new loan package that would include a \$1.5 billion loan from the IMF, \$1.2 billion in new loans from the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank, up to \$600 million in agricultural credits from the US, an unspecified amount in trade promotion loans from the Japanese government, up to \$3.5 billion in new loans from commercial banks, and an estimated \$1.2 billion in savings from the rescheduling of loans held by US and European governments.

As a condition of receiving the much needed assistance, Mexico must agree to undertake drastic economic reforms which will require the administration of De La Madrid to cut the soaring federal deficit almost in half, from more than 12 per cent of gross national product to 6 per cent. This has been a main sticking point in the IMF negotiations.

Mexican officials have stated repeatedly that public spending cuts of this magnitude would trigger riots and political upheaval.

The turning point appears to have been Volcker's last minute trip to persuade Mexican officials not to limit interest payments on loans to commercial banks. What Volcker said in the private talks is not known. But US officials, some openly critical of the Reagan administration's recent handling of relations with such an important central American neighbour, said certain assurances were given. There were reports that US officials made clear that as Mexico agreed to undertake the necessary domestic reforms, then enforcement of the reforms, particularly the deficit reduction goals, would be less rigid. In addition, in the spirit of the Baker debt initiative US officials wanted a commitment from Mexico to agree to more privatization of industry and increased foreign investment in Mexican industry.

US officials confirmed yesterday

Mexico is expected to sign an agreement within a week or two. Once it does agree to the IMF reforms, officials said the effective dates of the programme would be staggered, allowing Mexico maximum flexibility in resolving domestic political problems.

Money mystery

The noxious cloud from the May money supply explosion continued to drift over the City yesterday, sending gilts down by as much as a point, money market rates up towards the 10 per cent base rate level and the pound, freed from the burden of impending base rate cuts, up strongly.

The sterling index rose 0.6 points to 76.5, and the pound climbed above \$1.53. Not for the first time, domestic and external pressures on base rates pull in opposite directions. What does it all mean? There is no one explanation for the poor May figures, or those preceding them. The general arguments for tolerating high rates of broad money growth were described in the Treasury's Economic Progress Report for June, published yesterday.

The aim is to put some flesh on the arguments behind the Chancellor's speech to the Lombard Association in April. The velocity of circulation of sterling M3, as measured by the relative growth rates of sterling M3 and money gross domestic product, has been falling since 1980, by 2.75 per cent a year, on average. The sharpest fall, of 5 per cent, was in 1981. Last year, after allowance for the coal strike, it fell by 3.5 per cent.

Falling velocity of circulation for broad money is explained by financial innovation, de-regulation, competition between banks and building societies and high real interest rates. It provides a justification for tolerating higher than otherwise rates of monetary growth.

The difficulty with this argument is that it assumes that, in setting targets for broad money growth, the authorities have failed to take full account of declining velocity. The 11 to 15 per cent target for sterling M3 of March came after six years of declining velocity and, presumably, included a further fall in velocity in its assumptions.

But, in the first five months of this year, the 12-month rate of growth of sterling M3 has averaged 16.3 per cent. On the generous assumption of a slowing in the second half of the year, perhaps as the commercial paper market comes into play, the rate of growth for 1986 as a whole is unlikely to be less than 15 per cent.

Taking this in combination with the Treasury's own forecast for the 1986 rise in money gross domestic product, of approximately 7.5 per cent for money GDP in calendar 1986 means that velocity has to fall by about 7.5 per cent - the difference between sterling M3 and money GDP growth - for this broad money increase to be acceptable. This, which would exceed the 1981 fall, is stretching things. The old dilemma, about having excessive growth in broad money but not being able to do much about it, remains.

COMPANY NEWS

● SARASOTA TECHNOLOGY: Total dividend for the year to March 31, 1986, 2.54p - a 10 per cent increase. Turnover £10.2 million (£10.07 million). Pretax profit £1.52 million (£2.2 million). Earnings per share 5.48p (7.07p). The directors foresee an improvement in both turnover and profitability in the current year.

● CAMFORD ENGINEERING: Half-year to March 31, 1986. Turnover £27.09 million (£24.68 million). Pretax profit £911,000 (£708,000). Earnings per share 4.07p (3.38p).

● M & C SECOND DUAL TRUST: Total dividend for the year to May 31, 1986, 11.3p (9.65p). Gross revenue £1.61 million (£1.37 million). Earnings per share 11.35p (9.65p). Asset value of capital shares 303.6p (209.5p).

● BRISTOL OIL & MINERALS: The company has sold its 50 per cent interest in H Pitman, a Lloyd's insurance broker, to LPH Holdings, the parent company of Leggett, Porter and Howard. The overall profit on the transaction will be £144,000.

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WALL STREET

New York (Reuters) - The stock market moved higher in an opening rally yesterday led by the recently battered bank stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had risen one point to 1,838 at one stage earlier in the morning, slipped

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table with columns for Market rates, Sterling spot and forward rates, and Dollar spot rates.

Sterling made further headway in relatively quiet markets yesterday, finishing 90 points up at 1,575.

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MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table with columns for EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %, GOLD, and ECSD.

OTHER STERLING RATES

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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ALLIED OVERSEAS TRUST MANAGERS

Large table listing various investment trusts and their performance metrics.

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Table listing Franklin investment trusts and their performance.

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TEMPUS

Historic decision for Pilkington accounts

Accounting changes almost always create confusion. They are also often viewed by a suspicious press as a way of tarting up otherwise dull results.

It is hard to accuse Pilkington Brothers of trying to put a gloss on the numbers. After 50 years of replacement cost accounts, Pilkington will rejoin the rest of British industry by returning to a historical cost basis. Consequently, the profit and loss account will no longer be penalized by additional depreciation charges, which last year amounted to £31 million.

By giving shareholders 18 months' notice of the change-over, the group hopes to avoid confusion. The results for the year to March 31, 1986, announced yesterday, are on the old basis, but there is enough information to show many of the effects of the new system.

In the words of Antony Pilkington, the chairman, last year was untypical. Pretax profit on a replacement cost basis was £105.8 million, a drop of 9 per cent on the previous year. Had it not been for higher redundancy costs and adverse exchange rates, pretax profit would have improved by 10 per cent.

In Britain, flat glass, where Pilkington has 55 per cent of the market, safety glass and fibreglass insulation are benefiting from cost cutting and reorganization. Overseas, most areas outside Europe did well in local currency terms, especially Australia and Latin America.

In 1986-87, profits will benefit from lower redundancy costs, £11 million compared with £21 million last year, and from the acquisition of Libbey-Owens-Ford's glass interests in the US. This acquisition will make Pilkington America's second-biggest supplier of safety glass and the biggest in the automotive glass sector.

Adjusting to a historical-cost basis, pretax profit in 1986-87 should approach £170 million. The tax charge is likely to remain high, putting the shares on a prospective multiple of just over 10.

Beyond this year, there will be the benefits of a lower tax charge as accumulated British tax losses start to be utilized, and redundancy costs will be very much lower. On the historical cost basis, net assets per share are reduced by more than 100p a share to around 400p, but the shares are attractive for the longer term.

Great Portland

Great Portland Estates' year-end results and its promises of a future boost in net asset value suggests a "hands off" mood in a sector which is seeing old-established investment companies being acquired by more predatory traders.

Great Portland, one of the property sector's underrated blue chips, would be high on a bidder's shopping list. But it is more likely that Great Portland will make an acquisition. London & Provincial Shops is the market's favourite but Great Portland will not be drawn other than to say that interesting announcements are likely soon.

The company's net asset value for the year ended March 31 was 215p, a 6.4 per cent rise. The property revaluation showed an unexciting 5 per cent rise to £355.19 million. This takes no account of trading properties or surpluses to come through on the development programme, which includes offices in the City and West End, retailing and high technology schemes. The Limco portfolio, bought for £12.9 million, will provide further trading profits.

Great Portland's holdings in the West End - from which it takes its name - could provide significant asset growth. All hinges on whether proposed changes in planning law materialize. These would allow Great Portland to redevelop about 30 per cent of its portfolio with valuable offices as opposed to its present use as a home for the rag trade.

The company predicts pretax profits of £20.5 million next year and a rental income of £24.5 million. It may return to the market for another debenture issue (having raised £25 million in April) to maintain the faster pace of its acquisition and development programme.

The shares stood at 188p showing a 12.2 per cent discount to net asset value.

Christian Salvesen

Christian Salvesen has come a long way since it gave up what in 1959. It has developed a big cold food distribution business for Marks and Spencer and other food retailers such as Sainsbury and Tesco.

Its special skill is in storing and distributing chilled food to a network of shops from central warehouses, a business sufficiently capital intensive to deter new entrants.

Last year's flotation has left the group's strategy of expanding its food distribution and hiring out generating sets - intact.

It has, however, had some important side effects. The interest on the money put up by unsuccessful applicants for shares which the company was able to invest for six days added £750,000 to profits last year, contributing to a 16 per cent rise in pretax profits to £38.8 million.

The £21 million raised as part of the flotation enabled Salvesen to bump up its capital spending from £34 million to £55.7 million.

The benefits of this expenditure will emerge fully in the current year, so profits are expected to rise by less than 10 per cent to possibly £42 million.

Capital spending is expected to remain at last year's level, implying that there will be a cash outflow of more than £20 million, assuming no disposals.

Carless Capel in £34m deal

By Carol Ferguson

Carless, Capel & Lessor is offering to buy The Winterbottom Energy Trust and some North American oil and gas interests in a cash raising exercise worth around £34 million.

Carless has announced receipt of irrevocable acceptances in respect of 52.1 per cent of the voting shares in Winterbottom, including London Merchant Securities which controls 28 per cent.

In the deal, announced yesterday, Winterbottom shareholders are being offered new 10p Carless shares taken at a price of 68.25p to the value of 116 per cent of the Winterbottom formula asset value. Winterbottom's latest published estimate of its net asset value implies an FAV of 114p per share.

There is an underwritten cash alternative at a price of 58p per Carless share, which will give each Winterbottom shareholder 98.5 per cent of the formula asset value. Winterbottom's shares are currently 106p. Carless' share price fell 9p to 61p.

In the combined deal, Carless is offering to buy London Merchant Securities' US oil and gas interests for £7.7 million, to be satisfied by way of loan stock of £5 million and the balance in shares.

In consideration of the transaction, Carless, which has 77 million shares in issue, will be issuing around 50 million new shares. LMS will have approximately 15 per cent of the enlarged share capital.

Winterbottom is a specialist oil investment trust with very few unlisted securities. It will therefore be readily realisable and the proceeds of the sale of the portfolio will be used to reduce Carless' debt, now over 90 per cent, to around 35 per cent.

Shares fall as demand for extra cash worries dealers

STOCK MARKET REPORT

By Michael Clark

The underwriters were suffering from a severe bout of indigestion yesterday as the demand for extra funds from companies continued to put their liquidity under pressure.

Cazenove, the broker, struggled with the underwriting for Dixons' increased offer for Woolworths. It was not until after hours that the task was finally completed. Last night, Cazenove was reported to be

institutions may soon be forced to start liquidating part of their portfolios to meet their underwriting commitments. However, there was no sign of the feared selling yesterday, although share prices were still in ragged retreat in the wake of Tuesday's shock money supply figures which effectively snuffed hopes of an early cut in bank base rates.

Market-makers were quick to treat share prices to another savage mark-down first thing despite the strong finish overnight on Wall Street. But the absence of sellers enabled prices to close off the bottom.

The FT index of 30 shares, down 22.0 by mid-morning, eventually closed 13.3 lower at 1,301.1. The wider spread FT-SE 100 dipped 15.0 to 1,571.4. Gilts which had been pinning their hopes on a half-point cut to 9 1/2 per cent in interest rates continued to encounter persistent selling. Prices at the longer end of the market were down by about 2 1/2 by the close, bringing total losses this week to more than £3.

Dealers also expect the underwriters to be left with the bulk of Peninsular and Oriental's new shares following its recent agreed bid for the Stock Conversion property group. The result of the bid is expected later today, but the recent slide in the equity market means that P & O's cash alternative of 720p - and underwritten at 540p - is looking infinitely more attractive.

Of the 70 million shares issued by P & O to pay for the deal, more than half are expected to be left with the underwriters. Market men are now worried that the big

and Spencer shed 1p to 194p, after 192p. The group has arranged to meet a select number of analysts and institutional shareholders over the next couple of weeks to outline the group's future strategy and accept soundings on a few new ideas.

Beecham recovered an early fall to close all-square at 393p ahead of figures today. These should show pretax profits down from £307 million to £300 million. But the market will be looking for news of disposals which could range from between £100 million to £300 million as part of the group's rationalization programme.

The big insurance companies encountered nervous selling amid growing fears of a battle over premiums breaking out in the United States. There were reports last week that the State of Florida was looking for a reduction in premiums after the sharp rise in the past couple of years.

However, share prices closed above their worst levels. Commercial Union dipped 3p to 297p, after 295p. General Accident 15p to 774p, after 769p. Guardian Royal 5p to 517p and Royal Insurance 17p to 827p, after 822p.

The high street banks remained out of favour, reflecting the growing unease felt by analysts about the sector following last month's large rights issue from National Westminster, which was 3p cheaper at 454p.

A number of brokers have been quick to downgrade their

Keep an eye on Friendly Hotels, formerly the Arden & Cobbs temperance chain of hotels, where Mr Henry Edwards took over as chairman and chief executive last September. He is obviously looking to repeat the performance of Comfort Hotels which he later sold to Ladbroke. Last month, Friendly bought five hotels from the Virani Group for £6 million and is now back on a growth tack. The shares, down 5p to 138p, look destined for better things.

profit forecasts for banks like Barclays, 2p lighter at 477p. There are worries that a brake may soon be applied by the big banks to their dividend growth in the next few years as inflation continues to fall.

Midland lost 5p to 527p and Lloyds Bank 5p to 527p. Fears that Lloyds' bid for Standard Chartered may now be referred to the Monopolies Commission lopped 24p from Standard Chartered at 792p.

On the Unlisted Securities Market, Britannia Security Group held steady at 114p despite news of a couple of large acquisitions. Britannia is paying £10.2 million for Kesrel Data Services, an information security storage and management business, and £2 million Phoenix Security Services, a security guarding company.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns for EQUITIES, RIGHTS ISSUES, and various stock prices.

PILKINGTON ANNUAL RESULTS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Group's pre-tax profit of £105.8m is very much in line with expectations for this untypical year.

The reduction of £10.2m (9%) over 1984-85 is due primarily to the accelerated redundancy programme, which has cost £21.1m (£11.5m higher than last year), and the negative effect of foreign currency translations which have reduced the pre-tax profits by £10.9m compared with the previous year. Without these two factors, the year as a whole would have shown an improvement of £12.0m (10%).

The second interim dividend has been increased by 1p to 8.5p per share - a total for the year of 13.5p.

UNITED KINGDOM IMPROVEMENT

The steady improvement in our United Kingdom trading operations before redundancy has been maintained with profits at £15.4m - up 13% on 1984-85.

Our core United Kingdom businesses of flat glass, safety glass, and glass fibre insulation are benefiting from improvements in their cost structures and in each case the market demand is now better matched to their manufacturing capacity.

Pilkington Insulation Limited has had a much improved year, with a strong return to profitability before exceptional redundancy costs.

Electro-Optical division had a mixed year. Both Barr & Stroud and Pilkington PE have improved their trading performance. This has been somewhat offset by poor results in some small new venture companies attached to the division.

Ophthalmic division continues to make good progress, with excellent results from Sola.

Capital expenditure in the United Kingdom amounted to £34.9m, nearly 90% of which was related to expenditure on existing assets.

OVERSEAS PERFORMS WELL

The overseas investments of the Group have continued to perform well, the shortfall in trading profits of £8.9m over the last year being almost entirely due to exchange rate effects on year-end translation.

Flachglas AG has held its own in a difficult environment, and Pilkington Flachglas AB in Sweden has had a much better year.

Very good performances have been achieved in Australia, South Africa, and Argentina, with Brazil and New Zealand good but somewhat below last year's excellent results.

Capital expenditure amounted to £136.8m, of which £52.1m was related to the upgrading of existing assets and £84.7m to acquisitions.

Libbey-Owens-Ford accounts for almost all of our share of profits from related companies.

PROSPECTS

Given a satisfactory year for the world economy, we expect an improvement in the Group's trading overall, with the United Kingdom's profitability benefiting from further gains in productivity.

ANTONY PILKINGTON CHAIRMAN

Table with columns for 1986 and 1985, showing Sales, Trading Profit, Licensing income, Related companies, Investment income, Net interest paid, Group profit before tax, Earnings per share, Dividends per share, and Dividend cover.

The above figures include an additional contribution to replacement at current cost and obsolescence. On an historic cost basis comparable figures would be: Group profit before tax: £136.7m £148.3m; Earnings per share: 28.0p 36.9p

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EEC backs capital market directive

Brussels (AP-Dow Jones) - The European Commission has approved a draft directive liberalizing three types of financial transactions in the community in an attempt to hasten the development of a unified European capital market.

But the proposal, which could mean significant reforms for both France and Italy, must still be approved by community finance ministers before it can become community law.

The ministers will discuss the proposal for the first time on Monday, but they are not expected to take any decision until the end of the year, a commission spokesman said.

The proposed directive would make it possible for residents of one EEC country to take capital stakes in unlisted companies in another country, allow enterprises based in one member country to issue securities on other national capital markets and allow financial institutions throughout the EEC to issue commercial credits to non-residents for more than five years.

Current European law does not require member states to guarantee free movement of capital in any of these areas. However, Britain, West Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium and Luxembourg already do.

The directive, if adopted, would put pressure on other member states, notably France and Italy, to extend recent capital liberalization moves which since late last year have included the removal of certain foreign exchange restrictions.

Spain, Portugal, Greece and Ireland may be allowed an exemption from the proposed legislation because of the relatively weak position of their economies, the spokesman said.

The practical result of the proposed measures will be to encourage venture capital and create more opportunities for the finance, trade and corporate investment, the spokesman said.

By making it possible for non-residents to invest in unlisted companies, the community will encourage the growth of venture capital funds. Greater use of long-term commercial credits will stimulate trade in more expensive items like heavy equipment, and the removal of barriers to national capital markets will create more funding opportunities for corporations.

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“A strong UK base, a growing presence in the USA and position in the West German market, provide opportunity and challenge for the future”

reports Tony Chubb, Chairman

Group sales up 21.7%
Pre-tax profit up 19.0%
Earnings per share up 28.2%

- RS continues to derive major benefits from Weldon investment.
- Integration of new subsidiaries in USA and West Germany proceeds to plan.
- Market conditions in 1986 show modest improvement over late 1985 but competitive pressures continue.
- Good prospects for continued growth in our existing businesses and we continue to seek new opportunities.

Comparative Results	Year to	Year to
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	£'000	£'000
Group sales	199,688	164,024
Profit before tax	35,215	29,587
Taxation	14,179	13,087
Profit attributable	20,960	16,347
Earnings per share	20.6p	16.0p

Dividend
Proposed final dividend of 4.35p making a total for the year of 6.25p (5.2p previous year), an increase of 19.0%.

Copies of the Report and Accounts will be available from the Secretary, Electrocomponents plc, Harrier House, St. Albans Road East, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 0HE from 8th July, 1986.



Borthwick dividend curbed

Thomas Borthwick, the meat trader, has been freed from a High Court restriction on dividend payments. The restriction, imposed in 1983 when Borthwick was in financial difficulties, has been lifted following the sale of Borthwick's New Zealand operations, which raised £31 million.

The company has decided, however, not to pay an interim dividend and Mr Lewis Robertson, the chairman, says it is too early to say how large the final will be. Last year, Borthwick paid a total of only 0.5p.

Yesterday, Borthwick reported pretax profits of just £43,000 for the six months to March 30, against £3.7 million last time. The latest results do not include a contribution from the New Zealand lamb business, which accounted for all of the previous year's interim result.

Borthwick recently agreed the sale of both its French retail business and a slaughterhouse in Brooklyn, Australia, for £4 million each. It brings the total realized through disposals to £35.7 million.

CBI chief urges rent relaxation

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Business in the relatively prosperous South-east of England, hit by a growing shortage of skilled workers, is urging the Government to ease restrictions on rented housing to attract more workers from the North.

The call came yesterday from Mr David Nickson, new president of the Confederation of British Industry, at the annual dinner of the organization's South-east region. He said: "We are getting more and more reports of people from the North who cannot take jobs in the South because they cannot afford to move and the urgent need for more rented accommodation is a burning issue which the Government will have to address."

Earlier this week, the CBI stressed that the shortage of skilled workers was now affecting a wide range of industries across a broad area of the South-east.

But Mr Nickson added: "The South-east picture mirrors, in a way, the national picture. Despite some real problems that still beset some



David Nickson: shortage causing concern

areas and some industries, there is overall increased optimism about our prospects.

"We have inflation going down faster than any of the forecasters expected and an exchange rate with which it should be possible to gain a greater share both of our domestic market in Europe and other markets around the world."

In particular, Mr Nickson urged CBI members in the region to emphasize to the Government and others the job-creation attractions of the Channel Tunnel project.

APPOINTMENTS

- Alfred McAlpine: Mr Donovan Wall has been named as financial director, construction division, and he has joined the board of Alfred McAlpine Construction.
- National Economic Development Office: Mr Walter Ellis is to succeed Mr Michael Posner as economic director in September.
- Gartmore (Hong Kong): Mr James Filmer-Wilson has been made executive chairman.
- British Aerospace Inc: Mr John G Tower, a former US senator, has joined the board.
- Pioneer Concrete Services: Lord Rawlinson of Ewell has joined the main board.
- Rowe & Maw: Mr Michael Nott and Mr Arndel McDougall have joined the partnership.
- London Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Sir James Duncan has become chairman and Mr Christopher Stewart Smith deputy chairman.
- Legal and General Pensions Management Company: Mr Peter Horrocks has been made managing director.
- Denton Hall Burgin and Warrens: Mr Adrian J Barr-Smith and Mr James A Dallas have become partners, and Mr Peter Dally and Mr Peter J Stevens associate partners.

COMPANY NEWS

- **ATKINS BROTHERS (HO-SIERY)**: Year to March 31 last. Total dividend 7p (5.35p). Turnover £19.05 million (£13.99 million). Pretax profit £1.11 million (£312,000). Earnings per share 16.71p (5.79p). The board reports that the current economic scene augurs well for the group and it looks to the future with confidence.
- **AKZO NV**: The company has reached an agreement for a 50 per cent participation in Industries Quimicas Procolor, the paint division of the Madrid-based Unilac Group.
- **NEW THROGMORTON TRUST (1983)**: Total dividend for the year to March 31, 1986, 3.35p (2.7p). Gross revenue £2.54 million (£2.12 million). Net revenue from ordinary activities before tax £1.95 million (£1.54 million). Earnings per share 3.51p (2.80p).
- **SCOTTISH ROAD SERVICES**: Six months to March 22, 1986. Revenue £11.98 million (£8.87 million). Pretax profit £408,000 (£454,000). No tax (same) because of group relief and losses brought forward.
- **HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION**: The bank has awarded a mandate to Morgan Guaranty and Hongkong Bank to raise US\$400 million (£264 million) through the issue in London of primary capital undated floating-rate notes. These will carry an interest rate of 7/8 per cent over the three-month London interbank mean rate. This will bring the total raised in this manner to US\$1,200 million.
- **LONDON & CLYDESDALE HOLDINGS**: Half-year to March 31, 1986. Interim dividend 1.7p (same), payable on July 29. Turnover £6.07 million (£4.15 million). Pretax profit £325,000 (£324,000). Earnings per share 2.2p (2.1p).
- **PERCY BILTON**: Percy Bilton (SSF Nominees), the holding company of the Percy Bilton Staff Superannuation Fund, has agreed to sell to the company its portfolio of leasehold interests in three of the company's industrial estates, in Betchley, Andover and West Drayton, for £1.75 million.
- **SEE INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS**: The company is to buy Maurice Engineering, a manufacturer of pressings and special tools, for £683,000 in cash, shares and loan stock.
- **CARR'S MILLING INDUSTRIES**: Interim dividend unchanged at 1.75p for the half-year to March 1, 1986. Sales £37.1 million (£32.6 million). Pretax profit £865,000 (£810,000). Earnings per share 13.1p (14.2p).
- **SEE INDUSTRIAL LOCKER (HOLDINGS)**: Total dividend for the year to March 31, 1986, 1.29p (1.29p). Turnover £29.33 million (£29.29 million). Pretax profit £2 million (£2.5 million).
- Earnings per share 2.93p (3.18p).
- **CLONDALKIN GROUP**: The US subsidiary is to buy the Winchell Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for \$11 million (£7.26 million), from private individuals. Winchell is in commercial and financial printing. It has a good record of profitability and a strong balance sheet.
- **PHILIPS ELECTRONICS**: A management consortium deal has been signed between Philips Electronics and Crosstec, a new company set up to acquire the Philips' factory at Halifax, Yorkshire. Production under the new management will start later this month, creating 200 jobs. The deal has been financed by Bankers Trust.
- **SIDNEY C BANKS**: The company is to buy Servoway, a vehicle repair and maintenance engineer of Bedford, for £234,000 in cash and ordinary shares. Further sums will become payable, based on profits, but the total price will not exceed £410,000.
- **CPS COMPUTER GROUP**: Inspectorate International is to make an agreed offer, worth about £1.65 million, for the group. Terms for each ordinary share, 6.7p in cash.
- **BRITANNIA SECURITY GROUP**: The group is to buy Kestrel Data Services, an information security storage and management business, and Phoenix Security Services, a security guarding company. The price for Kestrel will be a maximum of £10.2 million and for Phoenix a maximum of £2 million. Britannia's board intends to pay a final dividend of 0.9p for the year to June 30, 1986, making 1.5p, an increase of 20 per cent.
- **ROBERT McBRIDE HOLDINGS (subsidiary of BP)**: Net turnover for 1985 £49.36 million (£43.69 million). Pretax profit £4.68 million (£6.41 million).
- **VALOR**: Total dividend for the year to March 31, 1986, raised to 5.127p (4.6p). Turnover £120.66 million (£86.4 million). Earnings per share basic 22.50p (21.65p) and fully diluted 21.25p (20.17p). The company is likely to have another record year in 1986-87, the board reports.
- **WILLIAM SINCLAIR HOLDINGS**: The company has sold its agricultural seeds subsidiary, Sinclair McGill, to ICI, for £5.1 million cash. Sinclair McGill's net assets at June 30, 1985, were £3.06 million.
- **DDI GROUP**: Dividend 1.2p (1p) for the year to March 31, 1986. Turnover £7.1 million (£6.81 million). Pretax profit £1.16 million (£713,000). Earnings per share before extraordinary item 11p (9.5p).

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Long delay likely in rating reform

By Judith Huntley

The Government's promised reform of the rating system in England and Wales is expected to be delayed indefinitely or at least until after the next general election.

But the revaluation of commercial property scheduled for 1990 is likely to go ahead, and it will remove the inequities which have built up in the system since the last revaluation in 1973.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, has said that there will be no legislation on commercial rates reform before the general election although the Government intends to introduce a Bill to alter Scotland's domestic rates.

But the indications are that a revaluation in England and Wales - Scotland has already had one - will move ahead for completion in 1990. The Inland Revenue, is charged with the task of revaluing the nation's commercial property base, and some of its offices, such as the City of London, already have plans to take on the mammoth task.

The question of how best to reform property taxes is one which no Government has yet been brave enough to face.



Nicholas Ridley: Scottish rates Bill planned

buildings while booming locations such as the City of London fringes and southern England would see a hefty increase.

Mr Peter Evans, head of research at Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, the firm of chartered surveyors, said: "Regardless of whether or not the Government reforms commercial rates, there has to be a revaluation to try and bring the tax base to a fairer form than it is at present."

"It is inequitable to many occupiers who are assessed on a totally artificial and wrong basis. We cannot go on indefinitely with a tax which is incorrectly based. Revaluation should be at the root of reform."

Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks has just completed a survey of office rents and rates in 40 British cities. Its findings are that, in the centres surveyed, office rents are rising faster than rates for the first time since 1978.

The average rental rise in the past year has been 6 per cent while the rate increase in that period was a mere 1 per cent. But the average disguises a huge discrepancy between areas.

In the capital rates bills have fallen by 4.5 per cent this year with the London Borough of Kensington and Chelsea seeing a 25 per cent reduction, the largest in London.

Ratecapping had much to do with this. Rates in the five

ratecapped London boroughs have fallen by 6 per cent in the past two years compared with a 30 per cent increase in the previous two years.

But in half the English provincial centres surveyed, rates outstripped inflation by 300 per cent. Office ratepayers in Leicester faced a 30 per cent rise with Bradford, Sheffield and Leeds having a 20 per cent increase in the last year.

On the subject of a commercial revaluation, Debenham Tewson says that a shift in values based on current rents means that areas such as Windsor, Slough, Reading and Basingstoke face rises in rate bills of more than 20 per cent. On the other hand, some of the inner London boroughs will see a substantial reduction in value.

Mr John Moore, the firm's City agency partner, considers that rates will no longer carry the sale weight this year as they have in the past on location decisions.

He says: "Ratecapping in London has helped, but the pressure of demand for modern technology-conscious office space has been the major force that has lowered tenants' sensitivity to rates. Rates were a major issue in a period of oversupply, when tenants had a wide selection of available

Office rents are rising quicker than rates

buildings, but now the concern has returned to building quality and location."

However, there must be some doubts over the impact an increase in rates will have on the prospects for rental growth. In areas where demand is not at the fever pitch seen in the City ahead of big bang, an increase in rateable value could well depress rents.

If big bang turns into a whimper and there is an oversupply of space in the City and its fringes, rates will again become an important bargaining point in deciding rent levels and location in a tenants' market.



An architect's impression of the luxury apartments Barratt will build at Brighton marina

Barratt to develop £100m housing scheme at marina

Barratt Developments, the volume housebuilder, will develop the £100 million residential element of Brent Walker Group's Brighton Marina scheme.

It will build 750 homes costing between £85,000 and £230,000 each.

The development will cost Barratt £70 million to build and it will pay Brent Walker £17.5 million for the land from its sales.

Profits will be shared between the two over and above Barratt's profits margin which Sir Lawrie Barratt, the housebuilder's chairman, says will be 10 per cent before tax.

The housing will take eight years to develop. There will be 100 houses and 650 flats in the development, with 500 berths

in the marina offered to prospective purchasers.

Barratt will offer a range of incentives to buyers, including its established practice of buying purchasers' old homes to facilitate sales.

Brent Walker will operate the £22 million leisure element of the marina, including a 450-bed hotel, the purpose-built health hydro, the sports facilities and Britain's first indoor water theme park.

The Dee Corporation has agreed to pay £10 million for a lease from Brent Walker for a 75,000 sq ft Carefour superstore. In addition, there will be 50,000 sq ft of retailing in a new village square and another 50,000 sq ft associated with the marina and leisure facilities.

Marina developments are in favour at the moment. The Associated British Ports scheme with Shearwater Property Holdings, part of the Roschaugh group, at Southampton has attracted a £12 million investment from the Dean & Dyball Group which will provide 300 berths.

And at Gloucester Docks, Pearce Developments and the British Waterways Board will develop a marina with retail and leisure facilities in a £30 million project.

CBI condemns Lords 'curbs' on competition

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The House of Lords amendments to the Sex Discrimination Bill, which starts its Committee stage in the Commons today, have been condemned by industry leaders as posing a threat to efforts by companies to increase competitiveness.

The Confederation of British Industry has urged the Government to oppose the amendments which, Mr Kenneth Edwards, the deputy director-general, said were "totally at odds with the Government's deregulation exercise which has our full support."

The CBI says the amendments would delay the repeal of restrictions on women's hours of work and endanger cooperation by bolstering unfair dismissal rights for employees who refused to change their working hours.

They would also impose on employers a new statutory duty to consider the health and safety and welfare interests of

their employees where a substantial change in working hours was contemplated.

Mr Edwards said in a letter to Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Employment Minister: "The amendments pose a very real threat to the efficiency and competitiveness of industry and we strongly urge that they be deleted."

Existing legal protection for employees is regarded by the CBI as "wholly adequate." The third amendments would impose a range of bureaucratic duties on employers which in some cases would be impossible to carry out. It would apply to men and women and could delay the emergence of new working practices, according to the CBI.

Mr Edwards said: "Most employers already take into account, and wherever reasonably practicable, accommodate the needs and wishes of their employees (while) introducing significant changes in working arrangements."

Wight Collins in £32m US buy

By Cliff Feltham

The advertising agency Wight Collins Rutherford Scott is taking a big leap into the American market with the £32 million acquisition of HBM Creamer, which is rated the 25th largest agency and the 15th biggest public relations consultancy in the US.

The deal, which is being funded through a cash call to shareholders, comes soon after WCRS took over the London advertising agency FCO, which has billings of around £20 million.

Until now, WCRS has been the only agency within the UK top 20 without any direct links in the United States. HBM Creamer, which is rated alongside agencies such as Ted Bates and McCann Erickson, employs 770 people of whom 115 are in the public relations

offshoot, CDB. Its gross billings have gone up from \$290 million (£191 million) in 1984 to \$310 million.

WCRS says that medium-sized agencies of its kind should benefit from the spate of so-called mega-bids where it can offer creativity and client service instead of sheer size.

Profits before tax for the year just ended are estimated to be not less than £2.6 million. The dividend payout is expected to total 4.25p a share, compared with 2.75p.

The directors of WCRS say they are confident that the group will continue to grow and say the current rate of success in developing new business demonstrates the vitality of the consumer agency.

Many occupiers assessed on an artificial basis

The existing system has its drawbacks, but it is simple, collection is cheap and there are few defaulters.

The Government had intended to introduce a uniform rate in the pound for the whole of England and Wales but that is now in abeyance, at least for the time being.

The revaluation of the commercial rate base, however, would recognize the changing fortunes of Britain's economy of which the property sector is a reflection.

Hard hit areas of industrial Britain, for example, could see a reduction in the rateable value of their commercial

Unitization 'not the answer'

● The sale of units in commercial property is not the answer to a maiden's prayer, according to Mr Matthew Oakeshott, the outspoken chairman of Aubrey Investments, the company he set up on leaving as investment manager of Courtland's Pension Fund.

At the Property Agents International conference in Scotland this week, Mr Oakeshott said that the proposed new market in units in single properties, which

was designed to help liquidity, would not solve the problem for those institutions trying to shift a large unmarketable building or an adviser trying to start the market to generate fees.

He said: "All unit trust structures, new or old, in property can present considerable problems of marketability and valuation and consumer demand for new unitized vehicles looks pretty thin. There is a highly efficient existing market - the Stock Exchange - with its quoted property companies, some providing a wide spread of underlying investments and others more specialized, like the recently-founded Arlington Securities and Brokers Properties."

● Peel Holdings, the retail warehouse developer, has won the tender to develop a 170,000 sq ft retail park in Stockport, Greater Manchester, on land owned by the North West Gas Board.

There was fierce competition to obtain the site. A joint planning application has been made by the British Gas Corporation and Peel Investments. Bernard Thorpe

Bradford Property tops £11m

The board of Bradford Property Trust is lifting the final dividend for the year to April 5 from 5.25p to 6.3p, payable on August 7. This raises the total dividend from 8.5p to 10.8p.

Pre-tax profits edged forward from £10.46 million to £11.85 million - the first time they have topped £11 million. The tax bill is also slightly higher at £4.48 million, against £4.42 million.

Bradford's board is also proposing a one-for-five scrip issue.

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● Brixton Estate has bought a 4.5 acre site in the Old Kent Road, South London, which it will develop as a business park to cater for electronics companies serving the City.

The site, at the Bricklayer's Arms, was bought at auction from the National Freight Consortium for £693,000. Brixton will develop it with 100,000 sq ft of industrial space, with offices.

● James Miller & Partners, the Edinburgh-based housebuilder, is to change its name to The Miller Group as part of a corporate reorganization. This may eventually involve bringing the company to the market in an offer for sale of its shares.

Miller Developments, the property arm of the company, contributed 10 per cent of the group's £115 million turnover last year. The investment portfolio stands at £20 million.

The group recently completed the construction of the 263-room Sheraton Hotel, Edinburgh, and Capital House, the nearby office building.

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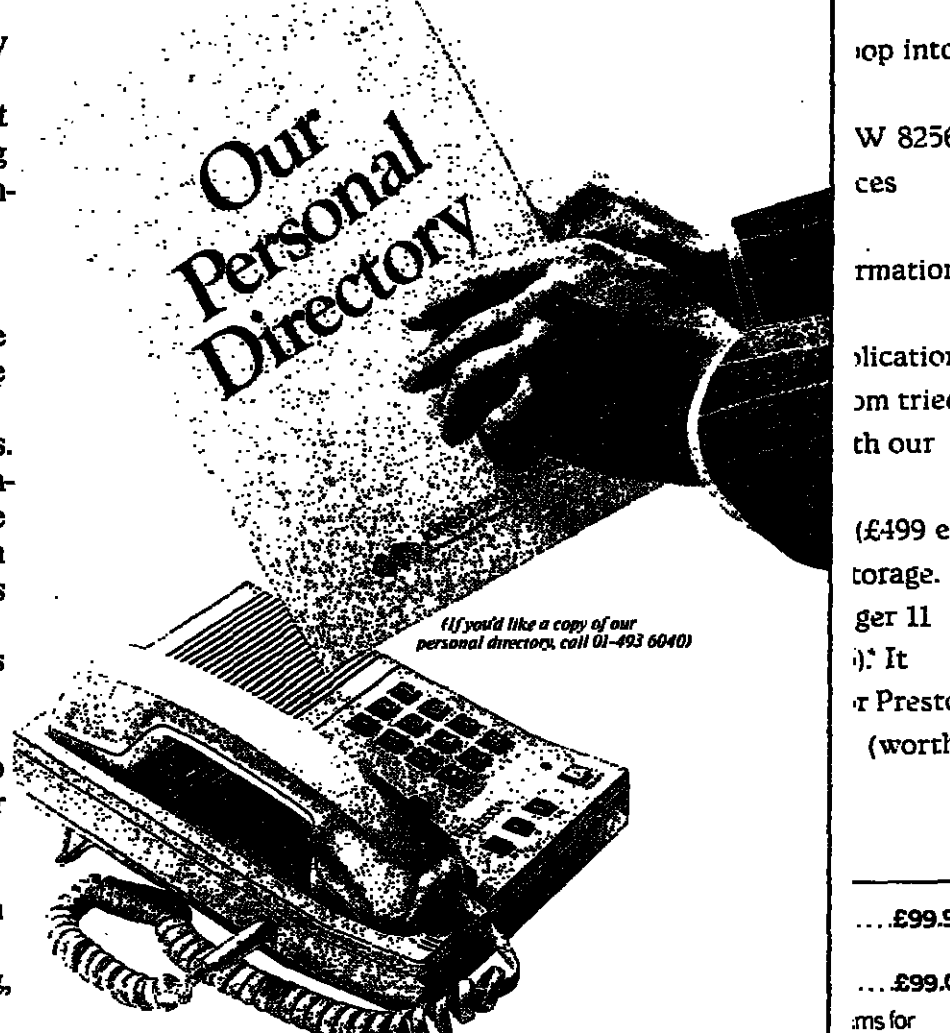
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ABN	10.00%
Adair & Company	10.00%
BCCL	10.00%
Citibank Savings	10.75%
Consolidated Cols	10.00%
Continental Trust	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Home & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
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Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
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Year ended 31st March 1986

TURNOVER	£141.1m	up *17%
OPERATING PROFIT	£ 13.9m	up 25%
PROFIT before tax	£ 10.1m	up *60%
DIVIDENDS per share	£ 4.0p	up 25%

*After excluding sales relating to Early Learnings Ltd and previous year's exceptional VAT credit

Extract from Chairman's statement:
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- Donald Barnes, Chairman.



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BRITISH FUNDS

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280	270	Royal Bank of Scotland	270	-10	-3.7	4.8	8.0
145	140	Bank of Ireland	140	-5	-3.4	4.8	8.0
145	140	Bank of London	140	-5	-3.4	4.8	8.0
145	140	Bank of Montreal	140	-5	-3.4	4.8	8.0
145	140	Bank of North America	140	-5	-3.4	4.8	8.0
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145	140	Bank of America	140	-5	-3.4	4.8	8.0
145	140	Bank of Chicago	140	-5	-3.4	4.8	8.0
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There is nothing new about a profession which specializes in the management of information. The advertisements in this section of *The Times* seeking IT consultants are so narrowly targeted that they are missing a great pool of expertise which has apparently escaped the notice of those who write the copy.

There has been an information profession for centuries - even millennia. Whoever first placed the clay tablets of Nineveh into some kind of order, so that it would be easier to trace the information they contained, was the first information manager. The skills of acquiring, classifying and controlling the flow of information into and out of a data bank have been refined and adjusted as new methods appeared, but the technique is the same now as it has always been.

That technique now requires some knowledge of the workings of computers. It does not require a knowledge of programming (although that can be an added advantage) nor does it require a high level of mathematical ability. The key to the organization of information lies rather with the

ability to think logically, and to arrange information in an order which will relate like material with like and lead the inquirer naturally on to other relevant items. Systems for creating such indexes were known to the real information profession long before words such as "relational databases" and "thesauri" were bandied about, and certainly long before "Boolean search" became a familiar piece of jargon.

The people who were - and are - a part of that profession are librarians and information managers. They work in all types of information facility, from the great national libraries to the smallest "one-man band" operating from a room in the basement, surrounded by files.

There are no limits to their ability to find out what you, the inquirer, need to know, other than those imposed by cost and time. They are part of a graduate profession, highly skilled in the practical aspects of their work, as well as academically qualified. Before the advent of the machine-type computer, the librarian was a human computer, and the networks set up throughout the world by such people were second to



The ability to handle information should have a place in any management training course, says Feona J. Hamilton

none as a means of obtaining the information requested quickly and efficiently.

The profession is now faced with the prospect of a takeover bid by the computer community. Terms such as "information centre" and "information manager" are used by the computer companies, such as IBM, to denote their own peculiar functions. They have been used for many years by the information profession to explain precisely what the words implied.

An information centre is a

central point at which information in many formats is collected, arranged and made available to others; an information manager is the person who controls and co-ordinates all these functions; and an IT consultant is someone who has the expertise to use the latest technological developments to advise on and implement the best methods of managing information.

The emphasis is always firmly on the handling of information, and the skills and intellectual ability to do so. The library and information profession has thou-

sands of practitioners in its ranks with just those abilities.

Many of them belong to professional institutions - the Library Association, the Association of Information Management, the Institute of Information Scientists. These bodies, all well respected, award-recognized qualifications, monitor education and training courses in the universities and polytechnics throughout the country, run short courses to enable those already qualified to keep in touch with the rapid changes taking place in the methodology and techniques of the profession, hold annual conferences, and forge links with their counterparts overseas.

As well as those working full-time for an employer, there is a growing band of freelance information consultants. Some management consultancies have realized their importance, and hastened to add them to their registers of external consultants. Many other consultancy firms have failed to see the relevance and importance of these experts, and persist in advertising for consultants who are chartered accountants, or DP managers, or

experienced in all manner of engineering. The emphasis is all on subject knowledge, not on the organization of the information concerning the subject. That emphasis is mistaken.

For more than 100 years, Britain has been acknowledged as a world leader in information management. The United States is one of the few countries where a similar level of excellence prevails, and the information consultants in that country form a large and thriving industry.

Things are a little slower to get off the ground in this country, as usual, but I am convinced that the same kind of expertise is needed here. Information management is of increasing importance as office automation increases and the ability to access information from the individual's desk becomes commonplace.

The chief executive needs to have those skills as much as the head of information services. A good information consultant can advise and teach the skills of information handling at all levels of management. He or she can

design an information centre from the ground up; automate an existing system; co-ordinate office automation and information management via networking; advise on staffing and training and undertake the training programme; and above all, an information consultant knows where to find out, and whom to contact. Such skills - such expertise are not to be ignored.

Many of the articles appearing in this space have emphasized the need to alter the perspectives of management education. Although mention is made of the importance of information to the manager, no mention is ever made of the importance of the information profession, or the contribution which could be made to management education by its members.

How to access information should be an essential part of any course purporting to provide education and training in management skills. It is a low priority or missing entirely from many courses, but it is a risk which can - and should - be swiftly remedied.

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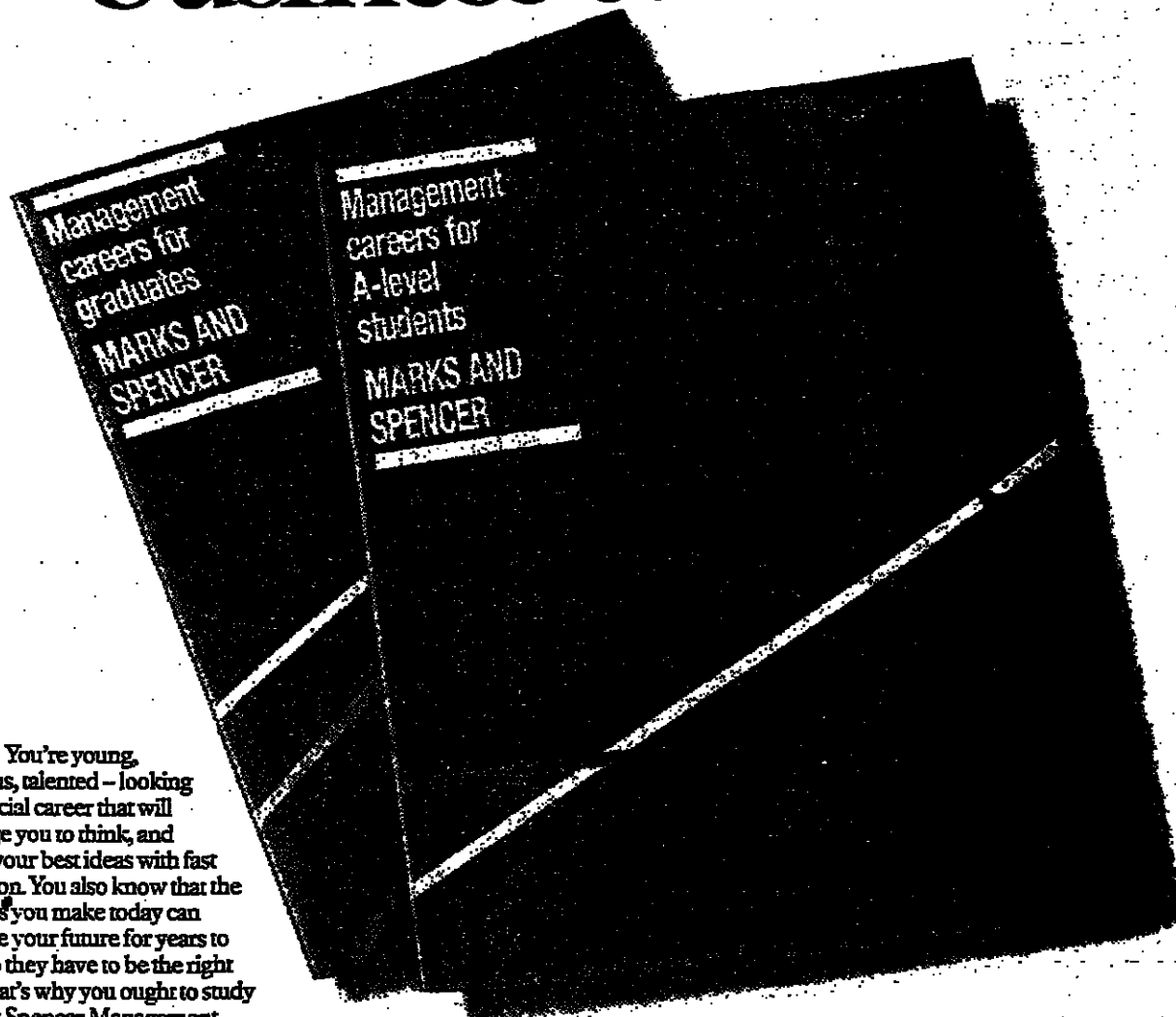
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This will be his 119th cap for the Irish, so raising still



MEXICO 86

Further his world record of goalkeeping appearances. "When this World Cup is over that will be the end of it," Jennings said emphatically yesterday. There will be nothing around the corner for Billy Bingham, his Northern Ireland manager, to sweet-talk Jennings into staying on for.

And, if Jennings's illustrious career is to end here, who better to provide the opposition than Brazil in the magnificent Jalisco stadium, where his great contemporary, Banks, pulled off that miraculous save from Pelé? But Northern Ireland are not contemplating saying goodbye to the tournament or Jennings just yet. With typical fortitude Bingham believes they can hold Brazil to a draw and that that will be enough to clinch one of the four best-placed third team places.

Of course that assumes

various scenarios, the most important of which is that Algeria fail to beat Spain. Victory for Northern Ireland would guarantee their place in the knock-out stage, and probably a match against the hosts, Mexico, in the Azteca stadium. That, too, would not be such a bad place in which to close one's international career.

"People say the goalkeeper can go on forever. But the body's a bit like a car — the miles do go round the clock. In any game I play now my main concern is that I come through without injury. I have come to accept that I can't play the way I used to," Jennings said. But just when the wrinkles begin to show he turns back the clock, as he did against Spain last Saturday when defying a young forward of the quality of Butrageno. Jennings says that he has treated all forwards with the same respect but names among the most threatening as Cruyff, Greaves, Law, Keegan, Best and Lee. No Brazilian is among that collection, although Jennings has faced them once before, when representing an all-Ireland team under the guise of Shamrock Rovers in Dublin in the 1970s.

Bingham, who compares Jennings with Banks in terms of temperament, recalls a time he dropped the big man for two consecutive international appearances in 1970 and replaced him with Ian McFaul. Bingham said: "He was not very pleased about it but, as I told him since, I'm the one who brought him back. It's been a lovely feeling to write his name down on the team sheet

for almost every game. He'll be a hard act to follow." Jennings has been the one

Roma banned from Europe

AS Roma, the Italian football league side, have been banned from European competitions for a year after their president, Dino Viola, was found guilty by UEFA of attempting to bribe the referee before a European Cup semi-final match against Dundee United. The match, which took place in Rome in April 1984, was won 3-0 by the Italians, giving them a 3-2 aggregate victory.

name you could always be sure of in a Bingham team which has, for the most part, been pure guesswork. What we do know for today is that Quinn (damaged instep) and Penney (ankle ligaments) are definitely out. There is a strong suggestion that Bingham will play five across the middle with Clarke, who scored against Spain, left to fend for himself up front. With the defence likely to remain intact, the midfield will probably consist of Stewart, McIlroy, McCreery, Whiteside and Worthington.

This should give them a clear numerical advantage at least, over a Brazilian midfield which, with the ageing Socrates and Falcao, is lacking in industry. In a practice on Monday, Tele Santana, the Brazilian manager, demoted the great duo to the shadow team and played the São Paulo trio of Muller, Carca and Silas up front with obvious success. Santana had declined

to start either of the first two games with Muller, yet each time brought him on with devastating effect. On each occasion before his arrival Brazil lacked impetus and it is vital that they are not allowed to get their noses in front. Muller, though, has not yet come up against a left back of the calibre of Donaghy in this tournament.

It was four years ago that Donaghy was ludicrously sent off against Spain in a World Cup match of similar intensity to this one. To qualify the Irish needed to beat their hosts, who themselves required only a draw to top the group and thereby avoid a round-robin with England and West Germany. The victory of those little green giants that June evening in Valencia is now part of Irish folklore.

Whether or not Northern Ireland add further glory to their history largely depends upon Brazil's ambitions. It is of paramount importance to them that they win the group, although to do that a draw would suffice. Apart from the desire to remain in Guadalajara, which is the reward of the group winners, the position of runners-up in Group D is to be avoided. The unlucky country have to face the winners of Group E — which at the moment looks forbiddingly like being Denmark.

BRAZIL (probable): Carlos; Josimar, Julio Cesar, Edinho, Branco; Elzo, Alencar, Silas, Junior; NORTHERN IRELAND (probable): P Jennings; J Nichol, J O'Neill, A McDonald, M Donaghy, I Stewart, D McCreery, S McIlroy, N Whiteside, N Worthington, G Clarke. Referee: S Kirsch (E Germany). More World Cup, page 38



Jeremy Bates shows his anguish during yesterday's defeat (Photograph: Peter Llewellyn)

Quiet man from Yale puts paid to high-ranked Swede

By Richard Evans

If there was any consolation in the fact that Jeremy Bates, the British No. 2, followed John Lloyd out of the Stella Artois championships at the Queen's Club — beaten 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 by the ebullient Australian, Paul McNamee, in the second round — it was that some of the Swedes are also struggling.

Anders Jarryd, the world's ninth-ranked player and seeded fourth here, went down 7-6, 3-6, 6-1 to Glenn Layendecker, a big-serving left-hander who learned his tennis at Yale.

During a relaxing week in Florence last month Layendecker had plenty of time to peruse his progress since joining the professional ranks three years ago. A quiet man with a deep interest in the game — he spent many hours in Florence helping the Press staff feed statistics into the computer — Layendecker did not expect to leap up the ATP rankings at the rate of a Becker or an Edberg. He is too realistic for that.

However, he might have hoped for a few more breakthroughs than did in fact come his way after reaching the final of the grand prix event at Bristol last year, a final which was actually played at the David Lloyd Centre at Heston because of the weather. Nevertheless, his ranking has crept up from 116 to 72 this year and this victory over Jarryd, the highest ranked player he has ever beaten, will boost it still further.

Jarryd, usually such a combative little player, has been out of sorts these past few weeks as indeed has his compatriot, Mats Wilander. It was very strange indeed that none of the top four Swedes managed to get as far as the last eight in Paris and Jarryd, with the memory of a Wimbledon semi-final to encourage him, would have been hoping for a resurgence in form on grass.

Layendecker denied him that with some strong serving in the third set after Jarryd had used his mercurial speed

to win the second in a match that had been interrupted overnight and was delayed again by morning rain.

"Obviously some of my best results have been on grass, but I haven't convinced myself yet to think of it as my favourite surface," Layendecker said. "I am not a good mover and I have a great deal of difficulty with my footing on grass. I suppose it takes practice."

Bates was very depressed by his performance against McNamee. He professed to be unable to read the Australian's tricky two-handed game and for long stretches of the match it looked like it. A brave recovery in the second set evaporated in the third as McNamee, who was not satisfied with his own serving, turned on the heat and destroyed the Englishman's serve.

RESULTS: First round: R Simpson (NZ) bt B Teacher (US), 6-4, 6-4; G Layendecker (US) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 7-6, 3-6, 6-1. Second round: P McNamee (Aus) bt J Bates, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. More tennis, page 37

King at helm in open event

From Tony Saunberg, Oslo

King Olav of Norway is to sail in the European championship in Helsinki from July 7, just five days after his 83rd birthday, the palace confirmed yesterday.

The king, whose fitness and sporting spirit are a constant delight to his subjects, will take the helm of the 5.5-metre Norma XI in the open event. He has just undergone an operation to remove a cataract from his right eye but the palace says he is recovering well.

"But the championship is quite tough, especially for a man of his age," a spokesman conceded.

In addition to sailing, for which he won the Olympic gold medal in the 6-metre class in Amsterdam in 1920, King Olav remains a keen skier. He was a Norwegian junior champion in the early twenties, and photographs of Norwegian royalty on skis have been a regular feature in newspapers here virtually ever since.

Royale is keeping very quiet

By Barry Pickett

British Airways 1, the 60ft catamaran sailed by Robin Knox-Johnston, the British veteran of 13 crossings, and Bernard Gallely, his French partner, was judged to be leading the Carlsberg two-handed transatlantic race yesterday, but with no word from 18 of the 49-strong fleet since the start last Sunday, the overall picture remains distinctly hazy.

Knox-Johnston has been making remarkable progress, having covered 460 miles by noon yesterday, 70 more than Mike Birch's second-placed 80ft catamaran, Formalee Teg, which has taken up a course 100 miles further south. But with no news yesterday from Royale, the largest entry, which headed the chase on Tuesday, the difference between her and the British boat was thought to be close.

The mogoshells appear to be led by Markku Wilkari and Antero Kairama, the Finns, aboard their 60ft vessel, Colt International.

OLYMPIC GAMES

N Korea offered four events

By John Goodbody

The International Olympic Committee have proposed that North Korea host four sports in an attempt to stifle the threat of a Communist boycott of the 1988 Games in Seoul, South Korea.

After two days of talks in Lausanne with both countries, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the IOC, said the proposal for North Korea to stage the archery, table tennis, one football game and the start of the 100km cycling road race, which would finish in Seoul, was the "final offer". He set a June 30 deadline for the two countries to accept the IOC proposal.

The South Korean delegation said the decision on acceptance would have to be taken by their Government. But Man-Lip Choy, the vice-president of the South Korean Olympic Committee, said: "We see this as a positive proposal and we endorse it in order to save the Olympics." The North Koreans were less enthusiastic. Ung Chang,

secretary general of their Olympic Committee, said his country would continue to push for more sports, including wrestling and weightlifting, plus the whole football tournament rather than just preliminary rounds. Ung Chang said his Government would study the proposal but there was room for compromise. "Otherwise you cannot make decisions."

In return North Korea would have to open its borders to what Samaranch termed "all members of the Olympic family", namely 30,000 people accredited to the Games, such as competitors, coaches, officials and journalists.

If both countries agreed to the proposal, then a fourth meeting would be held in July to discuss details including spectator access and television coverage. But the agreement would have to be ratified by the full 91-member IOC who meet in October. They may be loath to set a precedent of staging the summer games in two countries because of clear political pressure. In 1956, when the Olympics were staged in Melbourne, the equestrian events were held in Sweden but that was because of Australia's strict quarantine laws for horses.

Yet the IOC will also be reluctant to have the fourth successive Games spoiled by a boycott. North Korea could have strong backing from the Communist bloc, who may attempt a strategy of brinkmanship.

North Korea, upset when Seoul was awarded the Games in 1981, began campaigning to become co-hosts last year, and gave substance to their demands by boycotting together with Cuba, the world judo championships last September in South Korea.

They wanted the sports split evenly between the two countries, with have been divided since the Second World War and devastated by the Korean War from 1950 to 1953.

CRICKET

Botham appeal hearing

Ian Botham will be back at Lord's today, attempting to overturn his two-month ban from first-class cricket, when his appeal is presented to the Cricket Council's appeals committee. He will contest both the verdict and the sentence imposed two weeks ago by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) after he confessed to taking drugs.

Botham will argue that his admission to having smoked cannabis in the past warranted neither disrepute charges nor the sentence imposed. His country, Somerset, will also be represented at the appeal to claim that they have been unfairly penalized.

The committee which can ratify, increase or reduce the sentence, will be chaired by Desmond Perrett, QC. Talk of drugs and discipline seems set to dominate discussions at Lord's for the future. Next on the agenda is a meeting between the TCCB's disciplinary committee and Peter May (chairman of selectors) and Doug Insole (chairman of both the TCCB's cricket committee and overseas tour committee), who were members of the board's committee which investigated allegations of drug-taking after England's tour of New Zealand two years ago.

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ATHLETICS

Selection of Budd not end of matter

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

As expected, Zola Budd's name was included in the England women's team for the Commonwealth Games which was announced yesterday. But Miss Budd's name is also on the agenda of a United Nations "World Conference on Sanctions Against Racist South Africa" in Paris on Monday, a move by SANROC which could still lead to Miss Budd's exclusion from Edinburgh if sufficient participating nations protest about her to the Commonwealth Games Federation.

Miss Budd, on holiday in Switzerland, has satisfied the selectors and the Commonwealth Games Council for England that her house in Guildford should be treated as a "residence", thus qualifying her to run in Edinburgh, even though she has not fulfilled the Games' other constitutional stipulation that, as she has changed country, she should have lived in England for six out of the last 12 months.

A spokesman for the Tanzania High Commission in London said of Miss Budd's selection yesterday: "We are very concerned about this. We are waiting to be officially told why this is so, and then we will decide what we are going to do. But we will not do it unilaterally."

The saga of Shirley Strong's selection cannot continue much beyond next Saturday, when she has a race in Dijon

against the excellent French sprint hurdler. A place has been left open for Miss Strong to prove that her comeback is still progressing sufficiently for her to be included in the team in order to defend her

ENGLAND TEAM (women): 100 metres: P Dunn (Stratford), H Oakes (Haringey), P Windie (Sale), 200 metres: C Cook (Wolverhampton and Bilton), S Jacobs (Reading), J Stone (Bromley), 400 metres: H Barnett (Croydon), Cook, A Piggford (Gateshead), 800 metres: L Baker (Coventry), D Edwards (Sale), H Thorpe (Ashford), 1,500 metres: C Boxer (Aldershot), 2,000 metres: J Smith (Sheffield), W Fry (Hounslow), 3,000 metres: G Barrington (Southampton), J Shielton (Sheffield), S By (Hounslow), 4,000 metres: K Pugh (Birmingham), 5,000 metres: J Sanderson (Wolverhampton and Bilton), F Whitbread (Thurrock), A N Omer, 400

4 x 400 metres relay (from): Barnett, Cook, J Ferry (Stratford), Piggford, A N Omer, High Jump: D Davies (Stratford), J Little (Barnet), A N Omer, Long Jump: M Bardsley (Croydon), Shot: M Bardsley (Croydon), K Hagger (Essex), J O'Connell (Bromley), S M Augus (unattached), Y Hanson-Norley (Halsbury), Ouse (Croydon), Discus: J Avis (Barnet), K Farr (Southport), K Pugh (Birmingham), J Sanderson (Wolverhampton and Bilton), F Whitbread (Thurrock), A N Omer, 400

title in Edinburgh. Beverly Kinch, the former World Student Games 100-metres champion, has not raced this season and has been left with only the possibility of a relay place.

metres hurdles: S Gandy (Hounslow), A Mills (North Shields), V Wray (Stratford), 4 x 100 metres relay (from): J Baptista (Wolverhampton and Bilton), Cook, Dunn, Jacobs, Oakes, Windie and A N Omer.

4 x 400 metres relay (from): Barnett, Cook, J Ferry (Stratford), Piggford, A N Omer, High Jump: D Davies (Stratford), J Little (Barnet), A N Omer, Long Jump: M Bardsley (Croydon), Shot: M Bardsley (Croydon), K Hagger (Essex), J O'Connell (Bromley), S M Augus (unattached), Y Hanson-Norley (Halsbury), Ouse (Croydon), Discus: J Avis (Barnet), K Farr (Southport), K Pugh (Birmingham), J Sanderson (Wolverhampton and Bilton), F Whitbread (Thurrock), A N Omer, 400

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BOXING

Lawless in sparring partner call

Terry Lawless, the manager of Frank Bruno, has put out a call for a sparring partner for Bruno in his preparation for his world championship challenge against Tim Witherpoon at Wembley on July 19.

James Broad, an American heavyweight, was scheduled to join Bruno's training camp next week as chief sparring partner, but he has been contracted to a contest in the United States. This has left Lawless with the headache of having to replace him. And at 18st, Broad takes a lot of replacing.

"We are scouring the United States for a top-quality replacement," Lawless said. "We need a world-class fighter who weighs in at at least 16st and is prepared to give Frank some really hard work-outs."

"Frank is lucky in that his stable-mates, Horace Notice, Gary Mason and Adrian Elliott, can give him excellent sparring but he needs to really unload and, to bring out the best in him, we must bring over a top American. We will be paying top wages but it is money that will have to be well earned."

Bruno, who will be watching video action of Witherpoon at Limehouse television studios tomorrow afternoon, said: "The videos include Witherpoon beating James Broad for the American championship and I was looking forward to getting some inside information from Broad on Witherpoon."

"But Terry says there's still a good chance that Broad will join us after his fight, so I can pick his brains then."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Oliva twist

Genoa (Reuter) — Patrizio Oliva, the Italian, does not have a bout definitely planned in defence of his World Boxing Association junior-welterweight title, his manager, Rocco Agostino, said.

Getting doubt

Steve Gattin, brother of Mike Gattin, the England cricket captain, is undecided over his future at Brighton, the second division football club. Alan Mullery, the Brighton manager, said yesterday that Gattin, the former Arsenal defender, had not accepted a two-year contract and had been in touch with other clubs.

Beneficial

Northamptonshire have awarded a benefit next year to Jim Griffiths, the Wellinborough-born seam bowler. Griffiths, aged 37, made his Northamptonshire debut in 1974, receiving his cap four years later, and has played 174 first-class matches, taking 438 wickets.

Shot in arm

A German company has given British table tennis a major sponsorship boost. Schildkrot, the Munich-based table tennis ball manufacturer, have given £25,000 to sponsor Britain's premier team competition. The League will be known as the Schildkrot British League. The prize money will be more than £10,000, the highest in the world.

Fit again

Loys Richardson, who was unable to fly out on Monday with the England women's lacrosse team for the World Cup in Philadelphia because of an ankle injury, has been declared fit and will travel tomorrow.

Twelve hope

Britain have named 12 riders from whom the six-strong team for the European junior three-day event championships in Waldorf, West Germany, from September 10 to 14, will be chosen.

TEAM (from): G Brown (on Master Chas, from Staffords); S Cooper (Judy Lucy, Worcester); S Naziam (Gary Star, Surrey); J Jackson (Tom Sarger, Lincolnshire); P Lyon (Warrendale, Chesh); P Martin (Girgerand and Sterling Tag, East Sussex); E Miller (Paddy King, Suffolk); A Morris (Jack O'Larran, Lancashire); P Nolan (Albion, Sussex); K Peterson (Golden Lion, Hertfordshire); A Mays-Smith (Cuszar, Berkshire); J Valey (Archie Light and Lily Malvine, Southampton); Royal Show preview, page 26

Make or break time comes for Moorcroft

By Pat Butcher

David Moorcroft's secondary role as team manager in Göteborg this evening is an unnecessary reminder that his first track race (a one mile in two years is not even moderately successful), then his continuing participation as an elite athlete will be measured in days rather than in years.

Thirty-two years of age does not necessarily signal the end of the top-class athletics road, as Alain Mimoun, Miruts Yifter and Carlos Lopes, all Olympic gold-medal winners in their late thirties during the past 30 years, have proved.

But Moorcroft's road to the top has included many more physically and mentally debilitating track sessions. The other arena where Moorcroft would wish to provoke favourable comparison with Lopes, the most recent of those long-distance Olympic heroes, is in his comeback from injury. The Portuguese overcame several years of injury — and is suffering another long-term injury — before adding two more world cross-country titles to his first in 1976, capping them with an Olympic marathon title.

Moorcroft's injury, which required an operation a year ago, precipitated a last place in the Olympic 3,000 metres the

previous year, two years on from his world record at 5,000 metres in Oslo.

Moorcroft concedes that he is unlikely to get back into world record-breaking, especially since Said Aouita, the talented Moroccan, is threatening to go well under 13 minutes. But Moorcroft, first in the Commonwealth 1,500 metres and 5,000 metres in 1978 and 1982, and third at the same distance in the same years in the European championships, dearly wants to have another go in this year's same championships.

But he said yesterday: "I am really philosophical about it at the moment. I have had the usual little injury niggles, and I am not really zinging along in training, but if I get a good race in Göteborg, I'll run the AAA 5,000 metres (the Commonwealth trial) next week. But I am not basing it all on getting into the Commonwealth team. If this mile simply proves that I am running well, that is to say as a platform to build on. I'll try for the European championships later."

Steve Harris, whose excellent road-running form has not yet been translated onto the track, will run the 5,000 metres in Sweden, as will Billy Dye.